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SHANGHAI SHIPPING CRIPPLED

CHINESE MILITARY IMPRESS LIGHTERS

LITTLE DOCK SPACE

FREIGHTERS ADVISED TO EXCLUDE SHANGHAI AS PORT OF CALL.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, To-day.

Shipping operations in Shanghai have been badly crippled. Several detachments of Chinese soldiers have seized 40 Chinese cargo lighters engaged in transporting freight from foreign vessels moored in the Whangpoo River to shoreside docks in Shanghai. The majority of the comandeered lighters, with their crews, were towed farther up the river into Chinese territory by military launches, while others were conveyed up Soochow Creek to interior points. No explanations were tendered, excepting that the craft were required for transporting troops and munitions.

The present raid is the third and biggest of a series during the last fortnight.

As a result there is great delay in unloading cargoes, and this is causing considerable losses to shipping companies. Freighters have been notified to exclude Shanghai as a port of call and to discharge Shanghai cargo elsewhere.

The harbour is now congested with shipping, and there is little dock space available.

The majority of overseas freighters are unloading in the stream, depending largely upon native boats to remove their cargoes, inasmuch as there is an inadequate number of foreign lighters.

SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE.

Handed Over to the Government.

TO BE OPENED ON SATURDAY.

(Reuter's Special Service).

Sydney, Yesterday.

The new harbour bridge, described by experts as one of the greatest of engineering feats of its kind in the world, has been handed over to New South Wales Government.

The bridge, which cost over £9,000,000, will be opened by the Premier, Mr. Lang, on Saturday. Police are guarding Mr. Lang's residence owing to threats by the "New Guard," an organisation hostile to Mr. Lang's socialisation policy, that he will not be permitted to perform the opening ceremony.

FRENCH SURTAX ON BRITISH GOODS.

Objection Lodged by Great Britain.

PORTUGUESE DUTIES.

Rugby, Yesterday.

In the course of Parliamentary answers to-day, Mr. Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, said that the Government had made it clear to the French Government that they took exception in principle to the imposition of a French surtax on any British goods.

He also said that the question was being considered of making representations to the Portuguese Government regarding the recent decree, increasing duties by 20 per cent. on most descriptions of goods.—British Wireless Service.

£500,000 FOR CHINA

AN OLD GERMAN'S LEGACY.

SECRET SERVICE FUNDS

London, Yesterday.

The Morning Post's correspondent in Rome has reported that representatives of the Chinese Republic in Rome have gone to Bressanone to take possession of a fortune estimated at £500,000.

This sum of money was bequeathed by Heinrich Baase, an elderly German, to China "to be used in her struggle against Europeans."

Basse died in apparent poverty, but a steel box was found in his room which contained title deeds, bank books, a letter of good wishes from the ex-Kaiser on the occasion of Basse's eightieth birthday last year, a signed photograph, and also a document showing that Basse had seen service in the Prussian Guard.

It is suggested that his fortune represents a special Secret Service fund from the late German Imperial authorities.—Reuter.

PLOTTERS AGAINST GOVERNMENT.

Eleven Prisoners Now Standing Trial.

EXECUTION CERTAIN.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, To-day.

The Court has ordered the extradition of the eleven prisoners charged with attempting to overthrow the Government. The suspects are now facing trial in the Military Court which is sure to order wholesale executions. The prisoners include prominent figures.

Stiff Sentences for Looters.

Chapei looters, when convicted, are receiving stiff sentences ranging from six months to two years.

A BALANCED BUDGET ASSURED

POINTERS THAT CANNOT BE OVERLOOKED

EXCELLENT REVENUE RETURNS

FLOATING DEBT REDUCED BY TEN MILLION STERLING.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Revenue returns issued to-night, giving the figures to last Saturday, leave no doubt that a balanced Budget will be successfully realised.

During the last week, the deficit was reduced by £12,000,000 and amounted at the end to £24,200,000, as compared with £44,100,000 and same date last year. The total receipts from Inland Revenue Taxes, since April 1 last, amount to £411,700,000, leaving £39,300,000 still to be collected to realise the revised Budget estimate of £431,000,000.

Further receipts of £10,000,000 will bring the total of the Income-tax and Surtax up to the amount estimated to be received in the year.

Customs and Excise receipts are £9,400,000 up on last year, as compared with the estimated increase in the whole year of £7,600,000.

The total expenditure has amounted to £807,000,000, which is £24,700,000 less than that to the corresponding date last year.

The revised Budget contemplated a total reduction in the year of £16,200,000, but Supplementary Estimates of £500,000 have since been presented.

The Floting Debt was reduced in he week by £10,000,000 and now stands at £612,375,000, being £7,000,000 less than at the corresponding date last year.—British Wireless Service.

COMPOSITION OF UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION.

Preparing for Ottawa.

NOT YET CONSIDERED.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Prime Minister to-day states that almost immediately after the Government was formed a Cabinet Committee was appointed to supervise the preparations for the Ottawa Conference, so far as the Government in the United Kingdom was concerned. It had been continuously at work since then. The Composition of the United Kingdom delegation to Ottawa has, however, not yet been considered by the Cabinet.—British Wireless Service.

LEAGUE ASSEMBLY.

Commission of Nineteen.

MEETING TO-DAY.

Geneva, Yesterday.

A meeting of the Commission of Nineteen, appointed by the League Assembly, to deal with the Sino-Japanese dispute, is to hold a meeting at 3.30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.—Reuter.

UNFOUNDED REPORT

Russian 'Plane Forced Down.

Tokyo, To-day.

The report that a Russian 'plane was yesterday forced down by a Japanese 'plane to the East of Pogranitchnaya is believed to be unfounded, as queries made in Mukden have elicited no reply.—Reuter.

LYTTON COMMISSION GETTING DOWN TO IT.

Private Conferences Being Held.

LORD LYTTON'S DECLARATION.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

Shanghai, To-day.

Lord Lytton declared that his Commission will remain in Shanghai until negotiations for peace are under way and peace seems assured.

Lord Lytton intends to interview as many prominent people as possible who were concerned in the recent trouble. In the meantime, a series of private conferences are being held in an endeavour to clear the path for a fully constituted Peace Conference. These conferences are being attended by Chinese, Japanese, British, French, American and Italian representatives.

CHINESE TROOPS CONCENTRATING.

At Sung Kiang.

JAPANESE REPORTS.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, To-day.

Reports continue to be received in Japanese military circles of a steady concentration of Chinese troops in the interior, near Shanghai. It is believed that the commandeered lighters are being utilised to facilitate these troop movements.

Nantao firms are reported recently to have made extensive shipments of barbed wire and cement under Government orders and, it is said, these stores were destined for Sung Kiang, where several Chinese divisions are known to be concentrated.

FORTIFICATION OF HONG KONG.

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Mander (Liberal) asked whether Government would be prepared to reconsider the treaty under which Britain undertook not to fortify Hong Kong in the event of the Washington treaties and Pact of Paris being broken.

Captain Eden replied to the effect that he was unable to define Government's policy in the eventuality mentioned.—Reuter.

LEAGUE INQUIRY COMMISSION.

Elaborate Preparations in Nanking.

FOR RECEPTION.

Nanking, To-day.

Mr. Lin-sen, at the urgent request of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, is returning here from Loyang to meet Lord Lytton and the League Commission for whose arrival elaborate preparations are being made.

The Commission will be quartered in the Officers' Moral Endeavour Association and the offices of the Ministry of Railways.—Reuter.

CLEARING HOUSE SYSTEM.

Proposed Franco-Hungarian Agreement.

NO ADVANTAGE TO BRITAIN.

Rugby, Yesterday.

In Parliament to-day, Mr. Runciman was questioned as to the proposed Franco-Hungarian agreement to provide a Clearing House arrangement for the mutual liquidation of export trade. He said that, after full consideration, the Government had reached the conclusion that no Clearing House system yet devised would be of advantage to British trade. He did not think that any such system would eliminate the handicap of exchange restrictions in existence on the Continent.—British Wireless Service.

FRANKLY WE HAVE NOT

STOP PRESS

Tokyo, To-day.

Although no details are divulged, it is learned from authoritative sources that the Government has cabled instructions to Shanghai approving a compromise truce plan in principal, leaving the local commanders to settle detailed arrangements.

Nanking, To-day.

The Government has decided to appoint Dr. Wellington Koo as Chief Delegate in the Shanghai Peace Conferences.

Nanking, To-day.

The Eurasia Air Service is working feverishly to establish a new Nanking-Sianfu air service. Ordinarily, stops will be made at Hsuchow, Chengchow and Loyang. The Nanking-Loyang section will be put into operation almost immediately in order to facilitate communication between Nanking and the new Capital.—Reuter.

ISLANDS' CLOSER UNION.

Commission for Investigation.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Colonial Secretary, Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, stated in the House of Commons to-day that the Governors of the Leeward Islands, Windward Islands and Trinidad are in general agreement as to the desirability of a Commission being appointed to enquire into the question of the closer union between these islands, and that he had under consideration the appointment of such a Commission.—British Wireless Service.

TEA IMPORTS INTO BRITAIN.

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Common, to-day, Mr. Walter Runciman announced that the increase of tea imports in January and February were almost wholly due to imports from India and Ceylon, and they had no power to apply the provisions of the Abnormal Importations Act to tea imports.—Reuter.

British Government's Reply.

TO DISARMAMENT QUERY.

London, Yesterday.

The Under-Secretary for Air gave the Members of the House of Commons what, apparently, is the first official hint of Government's attitude toward the French disarmament proposal made in Geneva.

He asked: "Have we sufficient confidence, in any international body, to place in its hands the safety of the British Empire or eight million Londoners?"

He replied to his own query: "Frankly we have not."

The objective of the Disarmament Conference had the full sympathy and support of the British people, but, in this imperfect world, we could not afford to fail to see the real difficulties in the way. He expressed the opinion that the abolition of Britain's "vastly superior" military machines would give supremacy to countries owning the biggest civil air fleet.

This speech was made in the course of a debate on the Air Estimates.—Reuter.

PROMINENT TRADE UNIONIST.

Mr. W. McL. Citrine.

COMING EAST.

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Walter McLennan Citrine intends to leave for the Far East this Autumn to investigate trade unionism on behalf of the International Federation of Trade Unions.—Reuter.

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Mr. Citrine has been associated with the Trade Union movement for over twenty years. He is one of its leaders, and has been General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress since 1926, and President of the International Federation of Trade Unions since 1928.

S'PORE NAVAL BASE

Admiralty Growing Anxious.

NO PLANS READY.

London, Yesterday.

The state of affairs regarding the Singapore Base is unsatisfactory and is now engaging the earnest attention of the First Lord of the Admiralty, according to Mr. Wallace, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, who said so in the course of a debate in the House of Commons on the Navy Estimates.

Mr. Wallace explained that, although seven and three-quarter million sterling had appeared in the Estimates, our actual present commitments were £4,036,000 to the contractor. But, if only the work under the Jackson contract was completed, there would be no satisfatory naval base at Singapore. Jackson's contract work was progressing well, and there was no reason to suppose the firm's work would not be finished when due in 1935, but the present financial stringency placed us in such a position that we had not got the plans made for the construction of a fully equipped and up-to-date base at Singapore. Hence the Admiralty's anxiety.—Reuter.

NEW BILL BEFORE THE HOUSE.

Foreign Forced Labour.

Rugby, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons to-day, under the ten minutes rule, Commander Locker Lampson was given leave to introduce a Bill to prohibit the importation of goods made by foreign forced labour. The Bill was brought in and formally read for the first time.—British Wireless Service.

DAIL AND OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

London, Yesterday.

"We propose to remove the oath of allegiance," declared Mr. De Valera in the Dail to-day. "We have a mandate to remove it. We want every section of the community to be able to send representatives to the Dail without having to coerce consciences by an oath."

This statement was made in reply to a question regarding the release of Republican prisoners.

The Dail stands adjourned until April 20.—Reuter.

MRS. GANDHI RE-ARRESTED AND SENTENCED.

Bombay, Yesterday.

Gandhi's wife who was released from prison on February 29, was arrested again to-day and sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment.—Reuter.

OCCASIONAL RAIN.

The Royal Observatory's report issued this morning states:—

The anticycione has been absorbed by another forming overN.E. China.

Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; general overcast, occasional rain.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day 0.10 inch. Total since January 1—4.54 inches against an average of 4.41 inches—excess .13 inch.

Temperature.

Hong Kong	50
Macao	45
Pratas Island	66
Manila	76
Foochow	54
Amoy	49
Swatow	46
Shanghai	35
Chefoo	28

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REPARATIONS EVIL

HOW FAR EAST ENTERS VICIOUS CIRCLE.

Mr. Harold Bellman, managing director of the Abbey Road Building Society, speaking last month, at a luncheon of the Hendon Rotary Club, said it appeared that the value of international trade had fallen by at least 40 per cent. since 1929. The economic life of the world lay prostrate like a man stunned. "During the past two years," he added, "wholesale prices in the greater part of the world have fallen by something like 30 per cent., and this far exceeds in magnitude the fall in prices that has taken place in any period of depression in the last 100 years.

"Our civilisation is essentially a money civilisation, the whole of its vast material relations being governed by money and prices, and so great a collapse in prices in so short a period has shaken that civilisation to its very foundations. The fall in prices is the result of the maldistribution of the world's monetary gold, two countries—America and France—possessing some three-quarters of the total available supply.

"This maldistribution of gold is the product of the nightmare policy of War debts and reparations which the world (or rather some parts of it) has pursued since 1918, combined with its equally nightmare policy of economic nationalism. In this connection two simple sets of figures are significant.

"In the years 1922-31 the net receipts in respect of War debts and reparations by France and America were approximately £650,000,000 (gold); during the same period the net influx of gold into these two countries was approximately £550,000,000. France and America have been the principal beneficiaries from the payment of War debts and reparations their combined net receipts to June 30, 1931, being no less than £614,000,000.

The Balfour Note.

"I think we may fairly say that Great Britain has played a farsighted and, indeed magnanimous part throughout. She has remitted approximately 70 per cent. of the debts to her incurred by the War Allies, whereas the remission made by America to Great Britain in respect of the British-American debt is something less than 18 per cent.

"Moreover, we declared in the Balfour Note that Britain would not take from her Continental debtors more than was required to pay America, and, in fact Britain has paid away nearly £200,000,000 more than she has received. It must remain a matter of historical speculation what sort of world situation we should have seen if Britain's first policy of all-round cancellation had been adopted."

The main cause, there was reason to believe, of the disturbed conditions in the Far East was the reduced purchasing power of the countless millions of India and China. This was a reflection of the heavy drop in the price of silver and the fall in the prices of primary products, and thus to some extent at least the vicious circle of reparations was re-entered.

Again, with regard to armaments, the psychology that would impoverish a great nation by exacting vast sums of reparations from it was apprehensive of ultimate consequences and attempts to protect itself according to the old-time formula.

"As to the redeeming features of the crisis," he said, "we might yet come to regard the forcing of this country off the gold standard as a blessing in disguise, in so far as it was prompting us to seek a really workable currency system."

HOURS OF WORK AND WAGES IN SOVIET RUSSIA.

An Order issued by the Soviet Government on November 21 authorised all Government offices and institutions to make a temporary change, as from December 1, from the five-day uninterrupted week to a six-day week, consisting of five working days followed by a rest day. Rest days will fall on the 6, 12, 18, 24 and 31 of each month. Actual hours of work in institutions adopting a six-day week will, in future, be reduced to six in the day, as compared with the six and a half for officials and employees under the five-day week. The offices of all departments and institutions adopting the six-day week will, as a rule, be closed on rest days, but a certain number of officials and employees will be on duty on such days. Government offices and institutions in direct touch with undertakings working on a five-day week must maintain the same system. This will be the case for State and co-operative trading institutions, restaurants and dining rooms, the transport services, municipal undertakings responsible for the lighting, water and sanitation services, theatres and cinemas, fire station, etc.

The weekly organ of the International Labour Office at Geneva states that, at present, the question of wages is one of the main problems confronting the Russian Soviet authorities and the trade union organisations. Early in 1931, the trade union Press suggested the calling of a conference on wages, which, however, did not take place until October. Again, at a conference on management held at the end of November, a number of reports were submitted on wage questions. Still more recently, the General Council of Trade Unions issued guiding principles to be adopted by the trade union organisations at the next renewal of collective agreements. These principles, like the resolutions adopted at the above conferences, are based on the recommendations made in June by Mr. Stalin, General Secretary of the Communist Party. They are intended throughout to replace the old wage system, which favoured the equalisation of wage rates, by new methods, making allowance for the differences between easy and arduous work and between skilled and unskilled labour. Measures similar to those recently applied in the coal and metal industries will be introduced in all branches of national activity, but due account will be taken of the special conditions in each branch of production.

Payment at piece rates or job rates will be made whenever technical conditions allow, and the proportion of workers paid at job rates, which in May, 1931, was roughly 64 per cent. (63 per cent. in 1930) will be raised on an average to 80 per cent. As from January 1, 1932, two distinct rates of wages are introduced in all branches of industry, one for workers employed by the job, the other for workers employed by the hour. These rates are calculated so as to make piecework more advantageous for the workers. All allowances and extra wages are abolished, as well as extra pay earned by workers on time rates, for whom, however, a system of bonuses for good work is established. Methods of calculating wages are simplified, so that the worker may ascertain each day what he has earned.

On October 1, 1931, a graduated scale of piece rates, under which work performed in excess of the prescribed task is paid for according to a progressive scale, was already being applied to 25 per cent. of the total number of workers. This system has led to a considerable increase in output, and has lowered the frequency rate of stoppages and unjustified absence. Nominal wages increased by 11.8 per cent. during the first seven months of 1931. The trade unions are, however, required to see that this does not lead to a rise in costs. The general wage fund will be increased to 25,000,000,000 roubles in 1932 (19,000,000,000 roubles in 1931), but the rise in wages in the other branches of production will not be so high as that recently introduced in the coal and metal industries. The present system, which provides for a simultaneous revision of individual standards of efficiency in all branches of industry, will be dropped. When collective agreements are renewed this year a revision will be made only of really inadequate standards or those which can no longer be applied as the result of rationalisation. All efficiency standards will be fixed for one year and will not be modified, except when the results of rationalisation, or other measures resulting in an increase in individual output, necessitate it.—Engineering.

BRITISH TRADE POSITION

SUSPENSION OF THE GOLD STANDARD.

Benefit Less Than Anticipated.

Reviewing British trade in 1931, Mr. F. C. Goodenough, on the occasion of Barclays Bank's Ltd., annual general meeting recently said:—

I will now turn to our trading position, which is of special interest, owing to the recent change in our economic situation as the result of the suspension of the Gold Standard, and of the alteration in our fiscal system. It will be understood that in the case of the latter, there has not yet been sufficient time for the full effect to be ascertained. The tendency will obviously be to curtail imports. In regard to the former, some benefit has accrued to certain industries as the result of the depreciation of sterling, but it has been less than was anticipated, due partly to the high tariffs and other restrictions imposed abroad and partly to the departure of other countries from the Gold Standard. There has been a considerable improvement in the Cotton and Woollen Industries and in certain other directions, assisted, to some extent, by the political differences between China and Japan and the boycotting of Japanese goods by the former. There have also been signs of somewhat greater activity in internal trade, accompanied by a reduction in unemployment, and altogether there is generally a rather more hopeful feeling in regard to the outlook.

Speaking in terms of value, imports and exports for the year 1931 were substantially lower than for the preceding year, but the falling off in the value of the exports was much more pronounced than in the case of the imports. The lower level of prices, particularly of imports, was an important cause of this decline, which is confirmed by the statistics prepared by the Board of Trade, which show that the volume of imports was slightly greater than in 1930; on the other hand, the volume of total exports was about 21 per cent. lower. The reduction in exports in both value and volume is not surprising when we remember the almost prohibitive tariff barriers and other restrictions which have been raised by certain countries, with the object of excluding the entrance of foreign-made goods. The existence of these tariff barriers, especially those erected by creditor Nations, also explains, in part, why the volume of our imports has been maintained at so high a figure. Many debtor countries, in order to obtain funds for the settlement of their international obligations, have been compelled to use every endeavour to sell their goods abroad, and as, until recently, Great Britain was the most important free trade country, their efforts have been mainly concentrated upon British markets. Instead, however, of using the sums received from the sale of these goods in the purchase of commodities from Great Britain, they have expended them in satisfying the debts due to other foreign creditors, largely because the latter have been unwilling to accept payment in goods and have established trade barriers. The general fall in prices has added greatly to the burden of all debtor countries, whose commitments of principal and interest payments have been thereby greatly increased in terms of goods, and this has been an additional cause of the high level of imports sold in British markets. Moreover, it is important to understand how imports have been stimulated by the inflation of credit arising out of too large a Fiduciary Issue. As a result, much harm has been done to our industrial interests, and an immense amount of money has thereby been lost.

I think it is necessary to realise the extent to which the difficulties of all kinds which are now experienced in the settlement of International Debts have been caused by the tariff barriers imposed by creditor Nations, and why it became necessary, in many instances, to restrict the free import of foreign goods into this country, for it was essential that, to meet the exigencies of the moment, we should safeguard our own interests and prevent the exploitation of our market by other countries to the detriment of ourselves. It becomes increasingly clear that, looking to the future, it would be wholly impossible for substantial Reparation and War Debt payments to continue to be made otherwise than in goods, which must therefore be allowed free access to the creditor countries (which have hitherto been receiving payment largely in gold) for their own use and consumption.

Setting aside the considerations of the moment, it is evident, from the position to which international trade has been reduced during the last two years, that the traditional free trade policy of Great Britain as a great creditor Nation was justified, and that the unreasonably high protectionist attitude adopted by other creditor Nations is doing immense harm. To-day many debtor Nations are in actual default, whilst others are only meeting their engagements with great difficulty. These developments are due, to a considerable degree, to the unwillingness of certain of the principal creditor countries of the World to accept payment in the only form in which debts can now be paid, that is to say, in goods. The alternative method, of making payment in gold, has become virtually impossible, owing to a very large part of the available stocks of monetary gold being now concentrated in the hands of the United States and France. Unless some means can be found for gold to be circulated more freely, it would seem that gold will no longer be capable of being put to its normal use as a basis of currency and credit and as a measurement of World prices. In that case, gold will lose its value and those countries must inevitably be faced with enormous losses.

It is now more generally recognised that the industrial and trading interests of the World are better served by the greatest possible encouragement being given to the exchange of goods for goods, and that there is little advantage to be gained by accumulating balances abroad repayable on demand or short-notice, as distinct from permanent investment. In many cases, such short-term lending has given rise to much difficulty whenever the lending country decided to withdraw its balances. On the other hand, permanent investment of a sound character is greatly needed. In any circumstances, it would be in the interests of international trade that there should be a general reduction in tariffs, and this might even extend eventually to the tariffs imposed or about to be imposed on some imports into this country, although safeguards should be continued to avoid Great Britain again being exploited through foreign goods being thrust upon us below the cost of production. The ties of Empire could, no doubt, be strengthened to a considerable extent by the granting of some preference in certain articles to the great advantage of the Empire, the peoples of which receive so much benefit from the community of ideas and interests and also banking and financial facilities, which give opportunities for extending greater preference even than tariffs. It would also be an advantage if the War Debts and Reparations, which have no commercial value behind them, could be satisfactorily dealt with, as this would lead probably to a re-distribution of gold to form the basis of fresh currency and credit. Then should follow an automatic rise in prices of commodities, which would help the return to normal conditions, and to a situation in which all the peoples of the World would be in a position to trade freely with each other, which is in the best interests of mankind. The recognition and application of these facts, particularly by certain of the principal creditor Powers, would soon lead to a real and permanent improvement in international trade.

Although, for the reasons I have given, a tariff system in Great Britain may prove unavoidable for a long time to come, care should be exercised in the imposition of duties, and their effects will have to be carefully watched, as indiscriminate use of them would do us an immeasurable amount of harm. The necessity for avoiding the creation of any obstruction in the way of our debtors and our customers discharging their obligations to us must be borne in mind, and, whenever possible, we should exert our full influence in the direction of reciprocal action for the removal of trade barriers, so as to stimulate the exchange of goods for goods, which is the essence of international trade. The size of the population of this country and our dependence upon overseas supplies make it essential for our own prosperity to have a large and growing export trade.

ROUND HONG KONG'S CINEMA THEATRES

MAIL REVIEWERS.

"PASSION FLOWER."

A picture which features such stars as Charles Bickford, Kay Francis and Kay Johnson, needs but little recommendation. Such a picture is "Passion Flower," now showing for the second time in the Colony, at the Star Theatre. The story deals with the eternal triangle, but, in spite of such a commonplace theme, it is an excellent picture. There is a glint of amusement in the programme, too, Zasu Pitts, as the melancholy nurse maid, being very droll.

OFFICIAL SOURCES.

"THE CHEAT."

Irving Pichel was born in Pittsburgh, graduated from Central High School, and from Harvard in 1914 .... entered Harvard to study medicine, then he switched to liberal arts. The germ of an ambition to become a stage director came when he enrolled as a charter member of the "47 Workshop," Harvard's famous histrionic organisation. Active in the Harvard Dramatic Club four years. Served a year as editor of the Harvard Monthly. In spare time did dramatic reviews for the Boston Transcript. Made his stage debut in "Hamlet" with the Castle Square Stock Company in Boston. Later he accepted an offer from Metro-Goldwyn to write and spent six months preparing screen plays. Accepted Paramount's offer for "The Right to Love" with Ruth Chatterton, clicked at once, and his later work in "Murder by the Clock," "Road to Reno," and "American Tragedy" proved him capable of excellent portrayals in divergent types. Likes his part in "The Cheat" which is now showing at the King's Theatre better than any he has had.

"ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT."

It is with pleasure that the Central Theatre, in compliance with the public request, announces that Universal's great super-production of Eric Remarque's all-embracing masterpiece, "All Quiet on the Western Front," will be shown again from to-day.

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"HALF SHOT AT SUNRISE."

Whoever said that the "talkies" would do away with screen spectacles and bring about cheaper productions with less elaborate settings, guessed wrong.

When Radio Pictures produced "Half Shot at Sunrise," a rollicking wartime comedy, now at the Queen's Theatre, economy was practised only in the judicious expenditure of huge sums of money.

All Hollywood is still talking of the big parade, when the studio moved to the RKO ranch to start production.

The procession took up several miles of highway. First came a string of 30 motors, carrying the cast headed by Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey, and technical staff.

Thirty huge motor buses followed, bearing 1,600 extra people. Following these were a long procession of army trucks, bearing supplies and sufficient canvas to construct a tent city large enough to house the multitude.

"YOUNG AS YOU FEEL."

Fifi Dorsay is the one girl in all the world who can even approach Will Rogers at his own game—wise-cracking.

Their first day together on the set during the filming of "Young As You Feel," which opens at the King's Theatre on Sunday, was filled with a constant exchange of cracks until they had re-established their old friendship started during their work in "They Had To See Paris," the picture in which they both scored their first talking screen triumphs.

Rogers, as Lem Morehouse, dyspeptic old widower, has to stop many times to catch his second wind, as Fifi in her portrayal of Fleurette, leads him along the fast road that makes young people old and old people young.

Fifi heads the distinguished cast seen in George Ade's famous play, "Father And The Boys." Others include Lucien Littlefield, Donald Dillaway, Terrance Ray, Rosalie Roy, Lucile Browne and Brandon Hurst.

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Hong Kong, March 10, 1932.

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Hong Kong, March 9, 1932.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 K.C.'s):—

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

6-6.30 p.m.—Children's Programme.

7.03-7.20 p.m.—

Don Juan (Tone Poem) (R. Strauss),
Bruno Walter conducting the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (L2007-8).

7.20-7.38 p.m.—Octets.

Rhapsodie No. 2
(Liszt arr. Willoughby),
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (9494).

Chant Sans Paroles (Tschaikowski),
Invitation to the Valse
(Weber arr. Sear),
J. S. Squire Celeste Octet (9608).

8 p.m.—Local Time.

7.38-8.12 p.m.—Variety.

Song—
The New Moon—
The Girl on the Prow,
Evelyn Laye and Chorus (9752).

Instrumental—
Just a Crazy Song,
Eddie Peabody (DB702).

Vocal Duet—
Springtime Reminds me of You,
Close Your Eyes,
Layton & Johnstone (DB710).

Orchestral—
Hold my Hand—Selection,
Jack Payne & His B.B.C. Dance Orchestra (DB707).

Scotch Song—
Sailing Up the Clyde,
Will Fyffe (Comedian) (9468).

Organ Solo—
The Queen was in the Parlour,
Terance Casey (DB704).

8.12-8.30 p.m.—

Les Preludes (Symphonic Poem) (Liszt),
Willem Mengelberg & His Concertgebouw Orchestra (L2362-3).

8.30-8.40 p.m.—An Announcement by Dr. Radio of the Radio Service Station.

8.40-9.10 p.m.—Hawaiian Music.

Under a Texas Moon,
Hawaiian Love Bird,
King Nawahi's Hawaiians (2173).

Tropical Hulas,
On the Dreamy Moana Shore,
South Sea Islanders (1249).

Rocky Mountain Moon,
The Waltz You Saved for Me,
Roy Smeck Hawaiian Trio (2391).

9.10-10.30 p.m.—Audition from the Studio.

Programme.

1. Recorded Orchestral Item—Rosenkavalier Waltzes (R. Strauss), Bruno Walter conducting the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra (LX60).
2. a. The Lass with the Delicate Air
   b. A Brown Bird Singing
   Soprano.
3. Recorded 'Cello Solo—
   Menuet (Paderewski),
   Spanish Dance (Cassado),
   Gasper Cassado (LX158).
4. a. Football,
   b. The Photo of the Girl I Left Behind Me .....Comedian.
5. Recorded Piano Solo—Duetto (Song Without Words) (Mendelssohn), William Murdoch (9372).
6. a. You Are My Heart's Delight,
   b. At Dawning ..Mezzo-Soprano.
7. Recorded Violin Solo—
   La Capricieuse (Elgar),
   Waltz in C Sharp Minor (Chopin),
   Bronislaw Huberman (LX137).
8. Two Selected Songs ....Baritone.
9. Recorded 'Cello Solo—Si Mes Vers Avaient Des Ailes (Hahn), W. H. Squire (D1623).
10. a. Oh Baby! Where Can You Be?
    b. If I Could Be With You,
    Comedienne.
11. Recorded Pianoforte Solo—Shepherd's Hey (Grainger), Country Gardens (Grainger), Percy Grainger (D1664).
12. Two Selected Songs ....Baritone.

10.33 p.m. (approx.)—Close Down.

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For a moment everyone was too astonished to move. Then came a shudder of alarm as the man threw an object towards the Pope.

The man was shouting, "I crave justice; I crave your favour."

Panic seized the assembly, but almost as soon as it arose it died down when it was seen that the article which the man had thrown was a letter, and that the man himself had fallen on his knees in front of the Pope. He was promptly seized, and found to be a lunatic.

With his removal the ceremony was continued quietly to the end.

22 Cardinals Present.

One of the witnesses of the scene was Signora Mussolini, wife of the Prime Minister. The service, which was carried out with the customary magnificence, was attended by 22 cardinals.

HIS FRIENDS THE CROCODILES.

Man Who Goes Into Their Cages With A Brush.

Mr. P. T. Tozer, the Zoo's scenic artist, is perhaps the only man in Britain who does his work, whilst crocodiles are looking on less than three feet away.

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Before he enters the crocodiles, cage. Mr. Tozer arms himself with an iron rod, and with a confident smile begins "touching up" a picture of the River Nile—appearing to be obivious of the nearness of his companions.

Shutting Off The Pythons.

Sometimes a keeper keeps a wary eye on the crocodiles, but it is as Mr. Tozer has said, 'They know me.'

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NEWS TO HIM.

Man Just Hears About The End Of The War.

A man who only learned recently that the war was over has returned to his native village of Malborghetto, says Reuter's Rome correspondent.

During the war, when fighting in the Austrian Army, he was captured by the Russians and sent to Siberia.

He had been in Siberia ever since, and has a Russian wife and two children.

As soon as he was told that the war had ended he set out for his native village.

But on arriving home he was amazed to find that the village is now in Italian territory, and that he himself is an Italian citizen.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong, and Peninsula Hotels and King's Restaurant.

To-day—Final Practice Dance (St. Patrick's Society), Peninsula Hotel, 5.15 p.m.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "The Cheat."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Half Shot at Sunrise."

To-day—Central Theatre; "All Quiet on the Western Front."

To-day—Majestic Theatre, "The Virtuous Sin".

To-day—Star Theatre: "Passion Flower."

Lammert's Auctions.

Friday—At Sales Room, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

Meetings.

March 18—Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., annual meeting, Exchange Building, 11 a.m., extraordinary meeting, 11.30 a.m.

March 23—China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Ltd., King's Theatre Building, noon.

March 23—Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., P. & O. Building, 11 a.m.

March 23—China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Ltd., extraordinary meeting, King's Theatre Building, 12.15 p.m.

March 24—China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., Exchange Building, noon.

March 30—Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine's offices, noon.

March 31—Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., Exchange Building, Des Vœux Road, noon.

Lenten Mission.

To-day—Lenten Mission, Catholic Cathedral, Glenealy, 6 p.m. Subject: "The Meaning of Life."

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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

Y.M.C.A. DEFEAT THE R.A.O.C.

W. J. Browne Nets Four of the Six Goals.

SANSOM'S SOLO EFFORT.

At King's Park yesterday the match between the Y.M.C.A. and the R.A.O.C. was played in a thin drizzle throughout and playing conditions were not exactly favourable. Nevertheless a fast and open game was the outcome with the Y.M.C.A. definitely the better side.

W. J. Browne, the "Y" inside-left, was in great form and scored four of the six goals scored by the home team, F. Selk obtaining the remaining two. Sansom scored the military side's solitary point as the result of a brilliant solo effort during the course of which he tricked the entire "Y" defence to score the best goal of the match. It was a pity he did not receive better support from the other forwards for he was certainly one of the most dangerous forwards on the field.

The Y.M.C.A. attack was largely directed from the left wing where Browne and Price established a good understanding. Wilson, however, on the right wing, sent across some very fine centres for Selk to go through with. Wilson is certainly a very good understudy to J. J. Ferguson in that position though he does not possess the speed of the latter.

Result:—

Y.M.C.A.	6
R.A.O.C.	1

Y.M.C.A.:—L. Skinner; A. Tate, E. O. Murphy; R. A. Bates, D. McLellan, F. S. W. Smith; J. M. Wilson, G. C. Burnett, F. Selk, W. J. Browne, and T. J. Price.

TENNIS PROGRAMME.

TO-DAY.

Open Singles.

Stand Court:—J. A. E. Cassumbhoy v. Y. Hachiuma.

T. Honda v. Luk Ding-cheong.

Open Doubles.

Sewell and Wright v. S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn.

Club Championship.

Holmes v. Goldman.

MacDougall v. Walsham.

Handicap Singles "B".

Scull v. Stabb.

Penn v. Hill.

Handicap Doubles.

Marton and Owen Hughes v. Ride and Harkins.

Handicap Mixed Doubles.

Mitchell and Miss Hutcheson v. Segalen and Mrs. Davenport Brown.

TO-MORROW.

Open Singles.

Stand Court:—A. L. Sullivan v. Ho Ka-lau.

Open Doubles.

Fincher and Goldman v. Hachiuma and Kinoshita.

Lee and Luk v. Remedios and Ribeiro or Sai and Kwok.

Hambly and Collins v. Zimmern brothers or Chiu and Hung.

Club Championship.

Tufton v. Waite.

Handicap Singles "B".

Backford v. Jensen.

Handicap Mixed Doubles.

Redmond and Mrs. James v. Clarke and Miss Lawson.

FRIDAY.

Open Singles.

Stand Court:—E. C. Fincher v. Taui Wai-pui.

Open Doubles.

Honda and Akiyama v. Lee and Lee or Ho and Yew.

Sewell and Wright or S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn v. Leonard and Cassumbhoy.

Club Championship.

Sullivan or Valentine v. Harkins or Hill.

Humphreys or Evans v. Redmond or Forster.

Handicap Singles "A".

Monoghan or Waite v. Henderson or Bowker.

T. J. Price v. Railton or Robertson.

Handicap Singles "B".

J. C. Evans v. J. M. Wilson.

Handicap Mixed Doubles.

Col. and Mrs. Lecky v. Palmer and Miss Stevenson.

THE BOAT RACE AND PUTNEY BRIDGE.

Cambridge Agree to Shortened Distance.

BUT OXFORD DID NOT.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

London, Yesterday.

Dangerous eddies caused by piling under Putney Bridge will necessitate a start in Saturday's Boat Race from the London Rowing Club's boat-house, thus shortening the course by a quarter of a mile.

Cambridge favoured the change, but Oxford did not, and the question was settled at a conference of the rival Presidents' coaches.

Question of 400 Yards.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The University Boat Race will be rowed on Saturday morning over a course which is about 400 yards shorter than usual.

Owing to structural alterations on the bridge, which caused violent currents at the usual starting point, the authorities in conference to-day agreed that the race should begin at a point opposite to the London Rowing Club and that it should finish at the usual post at Mortlake.—British Wireless Service.

Our Sports Diary.

To-day.

HOCKEY—Hong Kong Hockey Club v. Borderers on U.S.R.C. ground at 5.15 p.m.

HUNTING—Fanling Hunt, Hounds Meet at Sheungshui at 3.15 p.m.

To-morrow.

RACING—Entries close for Second Extra Race Meeting at noon.

Saturday.

ATHLETICS—St. Stephen's College Sports at Stanley.

CRICKET—First Division—Kowloon C.C. v. Navy (L); Craigengower C.C. v. Royal Artillery (F); University v. Hong Kong C.C. (F); Second Division—R.A.S.C. v. University (L).

FOOTBALL—Senior Shield—Borderers v. Police; Junior Shield—Club v. Royal Air Force; Borderers v. Twelfth Battery.

RUGBY FOOTBALL TO-DAY.

Club v. Bank at the Valley.

At Happy Valley this afternoon the Club will play their last match of the season when they meet the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank fifteen. The following are the teams:—

Club:—

W. D. Folley; G. P. Lammert, R. H. Griffiths, A. S. R. Wolff, W. E. Peers; A. F. Jenkins, J. A. R. Selby; F. M. Hartley, J. H. McElney, R. I. Cherrill, W. R. Andrews, F. A. Merry, G. C. Humphreys, L. B. Smith and D. McLellan.

Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank:—W. H. B. Rigg; C. J. D. Law, S. J. H. Fox, R. H. D. Wade, F. C. B. Black; M. W. Turner, C. F. Hyde; R. P. Edwards, R. Stilliard, G. C. Moutrie, F. R. Burch, J. H. Sutcliffe, L. G. Robertson, G. S. Dunkley, and D. F. C. Cleland.

Reserve: R. A. Fawcett.

Referee: Major MacIntyre, R.A.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB ELEVENS.

Saturday's Home and Away Fixtures.

The following teams will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club on Saturday at 2 p.m.:—

1st XI. v. University at Pokfulum:—

H. Owen Hughes (captain), A. C. Beck, G. S. Dunkley, J. E. Potter, A. Reid, E. R. Duckitt, O. E. C. Marton, R. P. Edwards, A. J. R. Wolff, G. E. Mirehouse, and R. H. D. Wade.

2nd XI. v. S.W. Borderers at the H.K.C.C.:—

R. S. W. Paterson (captain), F. A. M. Elliott, L. A. R. Duncan, C. E. Gahagan, P. W. J. Planner, L. D. Kilbee, J. M. Sunley, J. A. H. Plummer, L. A. Whipps, J. R. Way and W. Stoker.

LOCAL RACE PONIES CLASSIFICATION

The Classification Sub-Committee of the Hong Kong Jockey Club have announced their decision in the divisions of the China ponies into "A", "B", "C", "D" and "E" Classes and the Australian ponies into "A" and "B" Classes for the extra race meeting season of 1932.

Australian Ponies.

"A" Class:—Changte, City of Melbourne, Evening Star, Friar Tuck, Kilrea, Kobibel (late Winter's Tale), Manna, Polar Star, Season Ticket, Sunlight, Wattle, Woodland Stag, Wotin, Zadderday, and Babs.

"B" Class:—Anniversary Eve, Aurora, But After That, Canny, Choy Pak, Etzel, Gold Digger, Gold Rush, Joaquim, Koh-I-Noor, Lucy Glitters, Mermaid, Miss Jummy, Moon Star, Palaverer, Retha, Robertsbridge, Senorita, Taiping, The Baron, The Giraffe, Tin Tac, Vesta, Westland Stag, and Lung Mui.

China Ponies.

"A" Class:—Apollo, Boxing Eve, Coronation Eve, Cyclamen Bay, Diana Bay, Fortune Bay, Gay Crusader, Gleneagles, Gold Key, Hetman, King's Bounty, Liberty Bay, Sitting Bull, Valorous, Vasylock, and Victory Hall.

"B" Class:—Adam, Bag & Baggage, Blue Star, Bowery Bay, Bright Star, Champagne Bay, Chateau Bay, Daylight Eve, Dee, Doctor's Mandate, Eros, Flying Tourist, Herodom, King's Colour, King's Justice, King's Service, Little Beaver, Lunar Star, Meridian Star, Mike, Nippy, Paul Pry, Peppermint, Princess Hall, Racing Boy, Royal Flush, Sanction, Spey, The Tiger, Tiana, Tom, Tonting, White Jade Stag, Wild Life, Wisdom Stag, Wonderful Stag, and Workable Stag.

"C" Class:—African Eve, Ajax, Alexandra Hall, Amos, Army Hall, Beauty Spot, Bistre, Bluelove, Britannic Hall, Cabinet Hall, Cebu, Chivalrous, Christmas Belle, Christmas Frolic, Christmas Joy, Cloudy Eve, Deveron, Devon, Don, Esculado, Festival Eve, Fritillery, Gold Mine, Gold Ring, Golden Star, Herga, Iloilo, Imperial Hall, Just Imagine, Kate, King's Counsel, King's Norton, King's Parade, Lobster Bay, Merry Thought, Michael Guy, Mindoro, Mon Talisman, Morning Star, Myrtle Leaf, Navy Hall, O-Moon, Orlando, Powerful King, Powhatan, Punch, Snappy Eve, Target, The Gadwall, The Grouse, The Lion, The Partridge, The Plover, The Shoveller, Toby, and Wembly Stag.

"D" Class:—Amon, Amoy, Banjolina, Blue Heaven, Brighton, Brown Eyes, Brunswick Hall, Celerity, Chiu Quan, Choctow II., City of Shanghai, Country Club, Cy-pres, Dandy, De Bene, Duke of Milan, Echo, Espy, Fanling Stag, Fi-Fa, Fighting Blood, Gallant Fox, Ghost Train, Gold Bar, Golden Arrow, Good Day, Heliotrope Leaf, Helter Skelter, Helvellyn, Jimmy, Little Gem, Mongolian Stag, Much Ado, Pacemaker, Pathfinder, Philanderer, Scrappit, Shanghai Beau, Silver Key, Siwash, Sonny Boy, Sunbeau, Tango, The Pheasant, Thunderous Stag, Tunney, Tweed, Until Then, Valeta, Valley Hall, Whoopee, Yellow Underwing, New King, and Buchanan.

"E" Class:—Amethyst, Arry Awk, Blue Plane, Bright Eyes, Dan'l Whiddon, Estrellita, Firefly, Friar John, Gamester, Gold Cup, Highjinks, Hirwego, Hosordy, Loch Ness, Lucky, Prince, Malakit, Mistletoe, Movie Star, Mun Ko Fan, Pocahontas, Prospero, Public Money, Romeo, Speedy, The Crook, The Shekpan, The Wanderer, Trigo, Valente, Vim, and Gee Gee.

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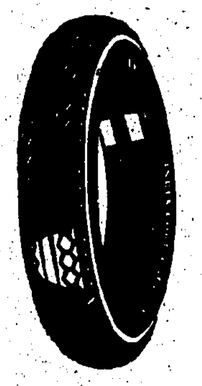

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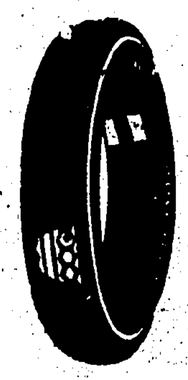

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CHARITY SOCCER ON APRIL 2.

Proceeds Donated to Mrs. Mullen.

Charity football matches, the proceeds of which will be donated to Mrs. Mullen, the widow of Q. M. S. Mullen, who died in Hong Kong recently, will be staged by the Hong Kong Football Association on Saturday, April 2, on the Hong Kong Football Club ground at Happy Valley.

Tentative arrangements for these games were made by the Council at their monthly meeting last evening. It was decided that two matches be arranged, the more important one being between the pick of the Service players and a representative side chosen from civilian footballers, to commence at 4.30 p.m.

The other match, between the Services and civilian players appearing in the Second and Third Divisions of the League, will start at 2.30 p.m.

SEMI-FINAL GAME THIS AFTERNOON.

United Services Football Competition.

In the United Services Football Competition, Senior Semi-final at 4.15 p.m. to-day H.M.S. Hermes will meet the Royal Artillery on the Navy ground at Happy Valley. R. P. O. Darlington will referee.

TEDDY BROWN'S SUIT.

Successful Appeal In Law Action.

In the King's Bench Division, Justices Talbot and Macnaghten have allowed with costs an appeal by Mr. Teddy Brown, the variety artiste, from a decision of Judge Sir Alfred Tobin, at Westminster Count Court, in favour of Mr. Joseph Swerk, a Manchester tailor, for 20 guineas for a dinner jacket suit.

Mr. Swerk refused to deliver the suit except on payment of 25 guineas; which Mr. Brown considered exorbitant. No price had been fixed with the order.

Judge Tobin found that 20 guineas was a reasonable price, and gave judgment accordingly.

Mr. Brown's ground of appeal was that Mr. Swerk was not entitled to judgment for a sum less than that which he claimed, and which the judge had found was excessive.

A DUMB BOY SPEAKS.

Happy End To Fall From Tree.

When he recovered from concussion after a fall, a boy who had been dumb since birth, was able to speak.

Doctors have already learned that a sudden shock sometimes effects "wonderful results in the form of restoring lost memory and curing other mental abnormalities. But a story told at Marylebone savours of the miraculous.

A detective officer said that Thomas F. Butt, aged 28, a baker, of Westbourne Terrace, Paddington, was born deaf and dumb.

When 15 years old, at school at Anerley, he fell from a tree which he was climbing. He sustained concussion, but after a time recovered and then found he had obtained powers of speech.

A RAT TUSKER.

Captured At Paungde Jail.

For the first time in Burma a rat with tusks was captured at the Paungde Jail on January 29 last.

Owing to the disturbance caused by the rats in the jail provision godown, the chief Jailer and his men on January 29 last decided to trap these creatures when to the surprise of all a big rat with ears as large as saucers, long hair and two tusks (nearly two inches in length) protruding upwards was caught.

This rat was kept in a special cage after it was captured but died within an hour.

The Chief Jailer, however, has preserved this rare specimen at the Paungde Jail where it is attracting large crowds.

INTREPID EXPLORER DIES IN HONG KONG.

M. G. M. Haardt.

LOSS TO SCIENCE.

Monsieur Georges-Marie Haardt, Commander of the Order of the Legion d'Honneur, leader of the French Scientific and Artistic Expedition across Asia, passed away quietly this morning at 3.40 o'clock. He contracted influenza which developed into pneumonia. Monsieur Haardt's health was greatly undermined by the hardships endured during his recent journey across the Asiatic continent, which was carried out under very difficult conditions. Mr. Haardt was a noted explorer—he was the first to cross the Sahara desert in 1922-23 by carterpillar cars, an exploration journey which opened Sahara desert for motor communications. In 1924-25 he was the leader of the "Black Cruise"—an expedition over the African continent. His last expedition across Asia was undertaken with the support of the French Government and under the patronage of several Scientific and Artistic Institutions and also with the support of the National Geographic Society of Washington.

The death of Georges-Marie Haardt is a great loss to France and the whole Scientific World.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

Not Very Well.

London, Yesterday.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, on medical advice, is going to the south of France next week. It is officially stated that though his general health is excellent, slight rheumatism persists.

The Archbishop has been troubled by minor illnesses on several occasions since he was appointed four years ago.—Reuter.

KAI TAK HANGAR.

The Colonial Secretary will move at the meeting of the Legislative Council to-morrow:—

That this Council approves of the expenditure of a further sum of $20,000 on the Kai Tak aerodrome hangar during the financial year 1932 which sum shall be met from a future loan and shall meanwhile be charged as an advance from the surplus balances of the Colony.

AMENDED DUTY ON LIQUORS.

Motion for Legislative Council.

The Colonial Treasurer will move the following resolution at the meeting of the Legislative Council to-morrow:

Resolved under section 39 of the Liquors Ordinance, 1931, that the resolution of October 22, 1931, assessing the duty to be paid on spirituous liquors other than intoxicating liquors be rescinded and that duty be assessed and paid on such spirituous liquors in accordance with the following table:—

The table of revised duties (per gallon) is as under:—

On perfumed spirits and toilet preparations other than spirituous liquors classified by the Superintendent as medicated spirits, $10.

On medicated spirits classified by the Superintendent as such:—

(a) containing more than 10 per cent. by weight of pure alcohol but less than 21 per cent., $2.50.
(b) containing 21 per cent. by weight of pure alcohol but less than 38 per cent., $5.
(c) containing 38 per cent. by weight of pure alcohol but less than 63 per cent., $7.50.
(d) containing not less than 63 per cent. by weight of pure alcohol, $10.

Provided that the dollars and decimals thereof stated in the table shall be conventional dollars reckoned as the equivalent of 1/8 sterling; and consequently to arrive at the actual amount payable in Hong Kong currency the conventional dollar stated in the table shall be multiplied by 20 and divided by a figure settled by the Colonial Treasurer from time to time representing the average opening selling rates for the previous month of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for demand drafts on London and until so settled the figure shall be 17.24.

LINDBERGHS' BABY.

POLICE FEAR IT IS DEAD.

New York, Yesterday.

Fears that Lindbergh's baby may now be dead are apparently entertained by the police, who have circularised all keepers of incinerators in hotels and apartments in city institutions to watch for parcels containing baby clothes.—Reuter's American Service.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

Bank, wire	1/4
Bank, on demand	1/4
Bank, 4 months' sight	1/4 1/8
sight	1/5 1/4
months' sight	1/5 3/8
On demand	615
sight	670
On Berlin	
On demand	Nom
On New York—	
On demand	24 1/4
Credits, 60 days' sight	25 3/4
On Bombay—	
Wire	88 3/8
On demand	88 3/8
On Calcutta—	
Wire	88 3/8
On demand	88 3/8
On Singapore—	
On demand	57 1/2
On Manila—	
On demand	48 1/2
On Shanghai—	
On demand	T74
Dollar	2% dis.
On Yokohama—	
On demand	74 1/2
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	1/5
Silver (per oz.)	18 1/4
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	Nom.
Copper Cash	Nom.
Copper Cents	1% prem.
Rate of Native Interest	3 1/2% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	29 1/2% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	Par.

LONDON EXCHANGES

	Rugby, Yesterday.
Paris	92 1/8
New York	3.62 1/8
Montreal	4.06
Brussels	26
Geneva	18.75
Amsterdam	8.98 1/2
Milan	70
Berlin	15.22 1/2
Stockholm	18 5/16
Copenhagen	18 3/16
Oslo	18 7/16
Vienna	32 Nom.
Prague	122 1/2
Helsingfors	270 1/2
Madrid	47 1/2
Lisbon	110
Athens	287 1/2
Bucharest	605
Rio	4 1/16
Buenos Aires	38 13/16
Montevideo	80 1/2 nom.
Bombay	1/6 5/32
Shanghai	1/10 1/16
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Sweep Sentiments.

With our local annual race meeting a pleasant or unpleasant memory from the angle of cash sweeps, with extra meetings ahead of us, with steeplechasing at Kwanti, pony racing and greyhound racing so near to us as Macao, we can afford to sit back and reflect and moralise, may be, on what a contemporary describes in a head-line as "The Great Irish Gamble." This savours almost of a challenge or an invitation to the "unco guid" to initiate a newspaper controversy on "those dreadful race sweeps" the while some of the participants in the controversy are purchasing cash sweep tickets on local or Macao races. Inconsistency is a common failing of human nature. Thousands of persons throughout Great Britain purchase Irish Hospital sweep tickets; but the narrow vision of the British Government does its best to stultify an effort in a good cause the while it permits totalisators and bookmakers to operate and function within its jurisdiction. Up to a few years ago the Australian Commonwealth Government forbade the use of the Post Office for the tickets in Tattersall's Sweeps, drawn on a steamer outside Hobart, but did not forget to pounce down on winners within its jurisdiction for its pound of flesh in the shape of tax. Ecclesiastical gentlemen all over the world indulge on every possible occasion in invectives against race sweeps and lotteries in general, but take care that every bazaar, fete, or sale of work has raffles, lucky dips, lucky wheels, shooting galleries, and so forth to help to swell the funds for "deserving causes"!

Owing to universal depression hospitals in every part of the Empire, except the Irish Free State and perhaps Queensland, are suffering from the lack of funds. The "axe" has been ruthlessly applied in every direction possible, but still it is a struggle to meet ordinary and necessary administrative expenses. Some totalisators, bookmakers, cinema houses, and football Clubs may report a slightly lower inflow of revenue compared with a year ago; but the fact remains that the masses must have their amusements in common with the wealthy and that self-denial, rigid self-denial, is observed in the breach. It is not for one moment advocated that the people should abstain entirely from patronising race meetings, cash sweeps, bookmakers, cinemas, and football matches: to do so would be a sheer absurdity as tending to place still more persons out of employment. There must somewhere be the proverbial happy mean between saving on the one hand and spending and giving to charity on the other hand. Britain was once called a "nation of shopkeepers"; a Napoleon of finance might to-day describe it as a nation of hypocrites. What shall it profit the nation if it condemns Irish Hospital sweeps in one breath and initiates prosecutions of offenders of "the law," and, in the next breath tolerates totalisators, Derby sweeps, Calcutta sweeps, bookmakers, raffles, lucky dips, and gambling in private Clubs? "Let he who is clean cast the first stone" at race lotteries within the Empire promoted and conducted by a responsible body of public-spirited citizens in aid of the humanitarian work of hospitals and of slum clearance.

Many years ago the great General Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army, shocked the "unco guid" of his day by declaring that he would accept money from the Devil himself to promote the cause of relieving suffering humanity. Pennies placed in the collecting boxes of Salvation Army lassies in public houses by men who have already had "one over the odds" cannot possibly be included in the category of "tainted money," as the General's decryers endeavoured to make out. Even the part proceeds of a winning bet on a racehorse would be put by the Army to a vastly superior use than if the contributor had handed it over to a bookmaker in a succeeding race! A lottery such as the Irish Hospital sweep is not a gamble in the ordinarily accepted sense of the term. Not one little of evidence has been forthcoming to show that it is responsible for buyers of tickets stealing, embezzling, or defalcating funds entrusted to their keeping—it is no more responsible for these offences against the law than is the buying of cash sweep numbers at the annual and extra race meetings in Hong Kong. Apart altogether from the fact that a certain contribution is made to charities by the Hong Kong Jockey Club in the course of a year, we never expect to see a big head line in a local newspaper: "The Great Hong Kong Gamble." Let us, therefore, be equally tolerant and charitable in regard to the Irish Sweeps and the many hospitals that are being mightily helped during this world-wide period of unprecedented depression and misery!

News in Brief.

One imported case of smallpox and one case of cerebro-spinal fever were notified yesterday.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday, a motion relating to dairies was unanimously passed.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ended February 27, amounted to 63,490 metric tons, and the sales to 89,150 metric tons.

Messrs. Wong Kwong-tin and L. C. F. Bellamy were appointed by the Sanitary Board, yesterday, as unofficial members of the Committee to consider the proposed changes in the Sanitary Department's Estimates for 1933.

When a Chinese mendicant was charged before Mr. Wynne-Jones this morning, it was stated that he came here about five days ago, having run away from Shanghai, owing to the fact that the soldiers had requested him to be a coolie in connection with the "war business," and he had objected. Defendant was cautioned.

On a summons for allowing her dog to be abroad without a muzzle, Miss E. B. Blackburn, of 55 The Peak, was fined $5 by Mr. Wynne-Jones in the Central Police Court this morning. His Worship remarked that it was rather unfortunate that this should have happened just before the suspension of the regulation by the Government.

The Police not pressing the case, and not even asking for confiscation of the weapon, Mr. Wynne-Jones in the Central Police Court this morning imposed a fine of $10 on a young Chinese shop foki, who admitted possession of a B.S.A. air rifle, without a permit from the I.G.P. It was stated that defendant recently returned from Batavia, and was on his way to the country for a holiday. He carried the rifle very openly, and was obviously ignorant of local regulations.

Appearing before Mr. J. A. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton applied for a revision of sentence on two of the constables who were involved in the case where a number of men were charged with extracting "squeeze" from hawkers. The two men in question were sentenced to six months and four months' imprisonment, respectively. His Worship fixed March 23 for the hearing of argument.

The Rev. E. L. Allen, M.A., Ph.D., Pastor of the Union Church, Kowloon, was the speaker at the tiffin of the Rotary Club yesterday. He made a strong indictment against present-day capitalism, saying that the capitalistic system, which had brought many benefits during its reign of a century and a half, gave ominous signs of impending disaster, and had shown itself utterly unable to meet the needs of the present world situation. It was being challenged in an altogether new way by the fact that Russia had set out to show the world that there was an alternative to it.

A law providing for divorce in one day with decrees obtainable by post, has come into effect at Chihuahua, Mexico. The Court charge is $10.

TRISTAN DA CUNHA

THE "ISLAND OF PARADISE."

Loneliness Joyless Perfect
Unknown Weddings Teeth

SUPERIOR MEN.

"We are never lonely." This reply was invariably given by inhabitants of the loneliest outpost of the British Empire, Tristan Da Cunha, when the question of their remoteness from the rest of the world was suggested to them by Reuter's special correspondent, who has just visited the place on board H.M.S. Carlisle.

Paradoxes.

Many strange paradoxes were revealed in the course of a brief tour of investigation. Some of the young men of the island were invited to seek their fortunes in the great world beyond the South Atlantic.

"Never!" was the unanimous retort. However tempting the opportunities held out to them, they all declared that nothing could persuade them to leave the little island of their birth. Nobody seemed in the least curious to know about other lands.

Or had they heard of the conditions under which the world is labouring to-day?

The Land Without a Toothbrush.

The physical condition of the islanders is remarkably fine. The idea that constant intermarriages had produced a degenerate race is proved to have been definitely wrong.

Their teeth are extraordinarily sound; and they are never cleaned. Immense amusement greeted the suggestion that a toothbrush might be a useful article. The excellence of the islanders' teeth is all the more astonishing when it is considered that they live on soft foods, fish, eggs, milk and potatoes; a flat contradiction to the dental maxim that "hard tack" is essential to dental health.

Old Sam's Tale.

Samuel Swain, aged 75, the oldest man on the island, has been declared a dental marvel. He has a perfect and complete set of teeth—not one showing a sign of decay. He is still a keen and vigorous sea fisherman. Old Sam tells many tales of shipwreck and storm. With tragedy in his eyes, he recalls the greatest disaster in Tristan's history—when the island became a community of widows and fatherless children. It was in 1883. Sam's father and 14 other men set out in a small boat to board a passing steamer. Terrific seas were running. They never returned.

Oldest Woman.

The oldest woman on the island is Mrs. Mary Glass, daughter-in-law of Corporal William Glass, the founder of the Settlement. She is 92.

A Wedding Without A Smile.

Reuter's correspondent was privileged to attend a Tristan wedding. At 6 a.m. the church bell summoned all the inhabitants to the church. All the front pews were occupied by men; the women sat at the back. This is meant to illustrate one of the strange beliefs still prevalent in Tristan, that man is superior to woman! The bridegroom—Joseph Glass, aged 24, arrived, dressed in his best clothes—a dark suit with a white collar and a black tie. Then a hymn started.

"Here Comes the Bride."

While the hymn was being chanted, the young bride, Miss Elsie Swain, aged 22, came clumping up the aisle. Clumping—because her little feet were incased in a pair of men's black boots. She wore the only bridal veil on the island and a white dress that fell to the ankles. Both bride and groom wore an expression of severity throughout the ceremony—altogether a very serious affair.

"When we offered the newly-married couple our congratulations," reports Reuter's correspondent, "they showed signs of considerable amazement. At last, the shadow of a smile crossed their serious faces."

After the wedding, the not-very-happy-looking couple resumed the normal duties of their every-day life. There were no joyous celebrations to mark the event.

The Padre.

Inside the little church is a beautiful shrine, erected "In Memory Of A Miracle, 1930." It commemorates an adventure which befell a party of islanders when they went some 20 miles across the sea to Inaccessible Island. A sudden tempest overtook them as they were returning. Their frail craft seemed bound to be engulfed—when, led by their padre, the Rev. A. G. Partridge, the members of the expedition prayed for deliverance, and, by what seemed a miracle, managed to reach Tristan safely.

The Tristan Trot.

Although they take things rather seriously, the islanders are very hospitable people. During the warship's visit, a party from the "Carlisle" was entertained to a dance. A display of the "Tristan Trot" was given by local adepts. The steps consist of a rapid movement of the legs, rather like marking time at the double, the feet striking the floor in time with the music. The measure is varied with an occasional twirl.

There were no encores to these dances which lasted only a minute at a time. There was no applause. Then some of the guests sang songs. The islanders listened in silence. But they readily agreed to contribute songs of their own to the programme.

Some of the songs they sang dated back to the time of Napoleon. Some of the themes were of murder and sudden death—but most of them were about shipwrecks.—Reuter.

Personal Pars.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mather left for Home yesterday via America by the s.s. President Coolidge.

A Director of the Goodyear Tyre & Rubber Company, Mr. T. R. Geddes, accompanied by his wife, left Hong Kong yesterday for America by the Dollar liner President Coolidge.

Mr. W. L. Marshall, Assistant General Manager of the Standard Oil Co. of New York in Hong Kong, and Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Davis and family, connected with the Standard Oil Co. in Canton left for America by the s.s. President Coolidge yesterday.

The King has approved the appointment of the Rev. William Thornton Featherstone, M.A., lately head master of the Diocesan Boys' School, Hong Kong, to the vicarage of Hook, Surbiton, vacant by the cession of the Rev. Jenkin Alban Davies, M.A.

The death occurred at his residence, 69, Main Street, Aberdeen, yesterday afternoon, of Chan Sik-cheung, at the age of 68 years. Chan was an ex-Sergeant-Major in the Police Force, having joined in 1885. He retired as an invalid in 1920, after 35 years' faithful service, having joined the Force at the age of 21.

"COME TO BRITAIN" DANES.

An extensive scheme to bring Danish tourists to Great Britain is being canvassed in Denmark.

Danish motorists and their cars would be embarked on a liner from Hamburg, and would land at Southampton.

Then they would tour England in their own cars, finally re-embarking at Southampton to return to Denmark.

A reciprocal arrangement to enable British tourists to see Denmark is also planned.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of March 16, 1922.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/5 5/16.

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Awakened at about 3.20 this morning by a noise in his room, Mr. Summers of "The Bungalow," Taikoo, saw a Chinese breaking open his wardrobe. Mr. Summers immediately jumped out of bed to grab the man, who swung round, and, striking him under the jaw with a jemmy he was using, caused a wound one inch long and half an inch deep. Before Mr. Summers could recover his wits the intruder dashed into the bathroom and escaped through the window into the road. The burglar had gained admittance into Mr. Summers's room by forcing the lock on the bathroom door.

WAR MEMORIAL NURSING HOME

DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING.

To Be Opened To-day by H.E. The Governor and Lady Peel.

Covering an area of approximately 32,000 square feet, the building is solidly constructed of brick, and reinforced concrete, and presents an imposing appearance, the basement being faced with Hong Kong granite and the surface treatment over in white marble plaster. All the windows are of steel with the flat roof finished in malthoid with celotex insulation. Teak has been used throughout for woodwork, and the flooring generally is in T. M. B. mastic flooring and terrazzo. The main corridors have tiled dados, and the whole building is centrally heated.

The foundation stone to the hospital was laid by Mrs. W. T. Southorn on April 24, 1930. It bears the following inscription:

"This War Memorial Nursing Home was built by the Community of Hong Kong to the memory of those who served and fell in the great war, August 1914 to November 1918. The foundation stone was laid by Mrs. W. T. Southorn, wife of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, on April 24, 1930.

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

The accommodation provided is as follows:—First class cases, 20; second class, nine; maternity, six; children, twelve; free, eight.

The Hospital is divided into sections, namely, doctors and Sisters' quarters in the South block, wards in the centre, and administration block to the north and an east wing containing wards.

The basement of the doctors and sisters' quarters is occupied by accommodation for servants and drying rooms, with flats for the doctors and matron on the ground floor. Each apartment contains a sitting, dining, bed and bathrooms, with pantry and verandahs. The two upper floors are occupied by sisters' rooms.

This section of the building is served by a main and service staircase, and two food lifts from the kitchens.

The central block is of three storeys, with the service requirements such as boiler room, laundry, cold storage, compressor, kitchen, drug store, servants' quarters, drying and ironing rooms and stores in the basement. The second class and free wards, in addition to clinical and duty rooms are on the ground floor, and the first class wards on the second.

The first class wards are 15 feet square, and each has a well equipped bathroom opening out of it. Outside all wards is a well lit and airy verandah, 12 feet wide, on to which beds can be wheeled if desired. The second class wards are exactly the same as the first class, except that there is only one bathroom to two wards. There are two free wards, 38 feet by 15 feet, each containing four beds with bath and lavatory accommodation attached. In the duty and clinical rooms are sinks, gas rings, shelves, and the necessary furniture.

In the administration block the basement is occupied by the dispensary, mortuary, services kitchen, ambulance entrance, and meter and switch rooms, and from this floor the bed, goods and two food lifts serve all floors of the building. The main entrance hall and offices are on the ground floor, the optical room and pathological laboratory on the first and the operating section and X-ray department on the second.

Operating Theatres.

Much care has been taken with the planning of the operating section, which consists of two large well equipped theatres. Only one theatre for the present will be in use, fitted with table, scialytic light, sinks and instrument cupboards. Between the two theatres is a sterilising room with bowl, gloves, instrument and water gas sterilisers. The anaesthetic room is adjacent, and there is also accommodation for doctors, wash-up rooms, changing rooms, with a bath attached and sisters' rooms.

The X-Ray department consists of a main room with apparatus, well fitted dark room, dressing room and lavatory. Both the main and dark room are well ventilated by exhaust ducts and air inlets.

Fire escape apparatus is provided for all floors in the east wing, a reinforced concrete staircase being situated at the end. The ground floor of this wing contains the children's wards, lavatories and baths with the maternity section on the first storey.

The maternity section has been exceptionally well equipped with a theatre 19 feet by 15, fitted with a scialytic light and all necessary adjuncts. The sterilising room attached contains gas sterilisers for bowls, gloves, water and instruments, and the babies' room has an up-to-date double porcelain bath.

On the ground floor are two isolation wards, cut off from the rest.

The food room is fitted with a gas cooker and hot water boiler, and frigidaire.

Ventilation.

In view of the climatic conditions, special attention has been paid in the design to ventilation, and in addition all the internal bathrooms are ventilated by means of vertical ducts running from basement to roof level where electric exhaust fans are installed. The wards themselves have been arranged to give free movement of air.

The bells, transformers and bell indicators are by the Sun Electrical Co., Ltd.

Signalling System.

A ward Signalling System has been installed consisting of a switch at each bedside, which operates a red indicator light over the ward door in the corridor, and a light and buzzer on a numbered indicator board in the Duty Rooms. These lights and buzzers can only be switched off again at the bedside on the arrival of the Sister in charge in the ward.

In the corridors, night lights are provided just above floor level in order to give sufficient light for night circulation, but at the same time, eliminating unnecessary glare in the wards.

The ventilation ducts to bathrooms are served by single phase, 50 cycle exhaust fans with box type blades capable of discharging at least 2,200 cubic feet of air per minute at free delivery. Extra outlets are provided in each ward for connection to drying lamps in wardrobes.

The lift installation is Waygood Otis, and consists of the following:—

One Micro drive Bed Lift in teak, 7' 0" x 5' 4".

One Goods Lift. The same as the Bed Lift, with the exception of the Micro levelling gear.

Four Food Lifts. These serve between main and service kitchen to quarters. They are controlled by Push Buttons on each floor, and the cages are made of steel. Hot plates are fitted in three of these.

All sanitary fittings were supplied by Messrs. Shanks & Co.

In the hot water system, the storage consists of eleven copper calorifiers of varying capacity. The heating of the hospital store, linen cupboards, and drying rooms is run in conjunction with this domestic hot water system, so that these rooms are kept dry throughout the year.

The central heating includes two Messrs. Beeston's 10 M. Robin Hood boilers each developing 105,600 B. T. Us. per hour.

The roofing consists of built up Malthoid roofing over a layer of 1 inch Celotex insulating board.

Floors to the wards, corridors, and sisters' quarters are of T. M. B. Green Patent Flooring. This is a mastic flooring, which is silent to walk upon. All verandahs, bathrooms, and clinical rooms are terrazzo. The staircases, electro therapy, and X-Ray departments are in teak.

Architects for the hospital were Messrs. Palmer & Turner.

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WEDDING.

Hong Kong Boy's Perth Bride.

The wedding took place in St. Ninian's Cathedral, Perth on February 8, of J. C. Rollo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rollo, Dunkeld Road, Perth, to Dr. Claude Robertson, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Robertson, South William Street, Dundee. Provost Smythe performed the wedding ceremony, assisted by the Rev. W. H. de Voil.

It is interesting to note that the bridegroom was born in Hong Kong, his father being Inspector in the Police Force until his retirement in 1911, after 27 years' service.

Correspondence.

"AN EVIL INTENTION."

[To the Editor of "China Mail."]

Sir,—In the article "An Evil Intention" in the issue of *Overland China Mail* dated March 10, the writer says, in effect: "The submarine is not an efficient weapon against surface warcraft, while anti-submarine measures have reached a very high state of efficiency."

If anti-submarine measures, of which "detection" is the most important part, are so highly efficient, why does it take so long to locate a sunken submarine, even where the area of sinking is known. The sunken submarine, being powerless, cannot dodge.

The "abolition of submarines" crops up every time a submarine disaster occurs, and various "facts" and "reasons" are quoted, but outside of the danger to "non-combatants" I have yet to find one that could not be torn to pieces by an experienced submarine man. It would take up too much space, and perhaps be too technical, fully to defend the submarine against its belittlers. While I personally hold no brief for the submarine as a weapon at all, I think your writer would do better to work from the "humanitarian" side of the question than the "efficiency of attack on surface warcraft" side, and leave the efficiency to the "submarine service." I should like to have a talk with the writer of that article and perhaps some *facts* regarding submarine and anti-submarine *experiences* would cause him to modify his views or alter his viewpoint. Any member of the Navy at the time of the last trouble—1914-18—can tell tales of excitement, and panic in mass form, when submarines were reported in the vicinity of the Fleet; and, in any case, "first catch your hare." May I add before closing, "and mind he doesn't catch you." Again expressing my wish to have a talk with the writer of the article,

Yours, etc.,

A. SUBMERGER.

P.S.—I was in a vessel carrying 450,500 lb. Amatol mines, which was torpedoed by a submarine, and didn't like it at all.

Hong Kong, March 15.

[The humanitarian side of the question was incidentally dealt with by the same writer in the *China Mail* of January 28 and the *Overland China Mail* of February 4. There must be universal agreement among Britons that this angle far outweighs all consideration of merely technical phases of submarine activity.—Ed. *C.M.*]

A MONKEY THAT MADE TROUBLE

A CURIOUS STORY OF A GIRL'S RESCUE BY HER MOTHER.

Monkeys are of many varieties and, as a rule, they are kept by Malays for the purpose of plucking down the ripe nuts from the coconut trees, rather than as mere pets, writes a contributor to the *Malayan Police Magazine*. If you suggest to any Malay Darwin's theory of the origin of Man, you can be sure of being laughed at for what he considers a foolish idea, though he will readily admit there are certain affinities between the characteristics of the monkey and of Man. Of one particular peculiarity of the monkey, however, the Malay is in no doubt, and that is that a he-monkey always has a special liking for woman and a she-monkey for man. Stories of stray persons in the forests being carried up very tall trees and forced to mate with monkeys are related in the kampongs in as serious a manner as a school-master would tell his pupils that the Earth goes round the Sun and not the Sun round the Earth.

A True Story.

The following story is vouched for by the present writer as true, and there are many others in Kuala Lumpur who can attest to it; in fact, it occurred in the Malay Settlement only a short time ago.

A Malay bought a big monkey one day as a pet which he kept chained to a tree in his compound. It was not a wild monkey just taken out of the forests, as its previous owner had been taming it for several years before offering it out for sale. Indeed, it had become so tame that it would eat bananas and the like out of one's hands.

A next-door neighbour had a pretty little daughter of seven, and before long it was noticed that the animal, which was a he-monkey, often cast longing looks towards the girl. As a precaution, the girl was duly warned not to go anywhere near the monkey in spite of its tameness.

An Amorous Monkey.

One night, the father of the girl being away from home, the mother was surprised to discover, on waking up, that the monkey had got loose and was actually in bed trying to embrace and carry away the girl. The strange look in the monkey's eyes convinced the mother that the monkey would show fight if he was suddenly disturbed, and as she thought unarmed she was no match against the monkey in such a mood, she quietly slipped out of bed and as quietly returned with a big stick with which, and with a shriek, she gave the monkey a hard knock on the head. The knock, however, did not disable the monkey but fortunately it did make him realise that he could not fight the armed woman, for he soon betook himself away, only to return with an ingenious plan of campaign.

The animal climbed up the wall on to the ceiling and tried to put out the light as he evidently thought he would have a better chance of success in carrying away the object of this desire in the dark than otherwise. It happened that it was an electric light, so that the animal was still struggling with the lamp trying to find a means of blowing it out when another neighbour, attracted by the shriek of the woman, arrived on the scene. Quickly realising what the trouble was and loading a rifle which belonged to the owner of the house, he at once took aim and fired at the monkey which dropped dead with the first shot. The unexpressed gratitude of the mother was understood in silence by the rescuer who, after removing the carcass of the animal, returned home to resume his disturbed rest.

Trouble to Come.

But the real trouble in the whole affair was still to come. Next morning, the owner of the slain animal, though fully informed of what had happened, instead of approving the course adopted by the kindly neighbour, made a big fuss about it and threatened all manner of litigation which would not only involve that neighbour in a case of killing a "valuable" pet but also get him into trouble for using another man's rifle without a licence. It was at this juncture that a Malay Police Officer, on realising the complicated situation, simplified matters on the strength of his belief that the "crime" was not committed with a bad intention, by quietly making a record in his diary that he himself had killed the monkey on account of its evil propensities already explained. The unreasonable owner was thus chagrined to see, soon after, some policemen making enquiries as to the ownership of a dangerous pet that had been carelessly allowed to get loose. That he denied all knowledge of the monkey is just as was to be expected.

"May Allah forgive the officer for his well-meant lie" is the prayer of all Malays who came to hear later of the facts of the case.

A WEEK'S DISEASES.

Six Diphtheria Cases. Notified.

14 SMALLPOX CASES.

The official return of diseases and deaths during the week ended March 12 is as follows:—

	Cases	Deaths
Diphtheria	6	5
Smallpox	14	7
Cerebro-spinal fever	3	2
Tuberculosis	—	46

Two cases of smallpox were imported.

Summary to March 12.

The approximate returns from January 1 to March 12 give the following figures:—

	Cases	Deaths
Smallpox	54	35
Diphtheria	67	28
Typhoid fever	22	9
Cerebro-spinal fever	11	3
Puerperal fever	2	2
Scarlet fever	1	2
Paratyphoid fever	1	—
Tuberculosis	—	546

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UNPAID DAMAGES.

Should pedestrians be called upon to insure against third party risks?

There is a strong feeling among motorists that it should be possible to obtain damages against a pedestrian who, through negligence, is responsible for an accident to a motor vehicle. Very often it would be useless to bring an action, because the walker, uninsured, would have no means with which to pay.

In a recent case it was shown that a "jay" walker had been responsible for the accident, but there were no means of obtaining the damages.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, late Minister of Transport, during the discussion of the Road Traffic Bill, said:

"A large proportion of accidents are caused by foolish pedestrians, and they ought to be careful how far they go, or there may be penalties both ways.

"It is argued that the necessary premium against third party risks would be small—say, 2s. 6d. or 5s. a year.

An official of the Royal Automobile Club told the Evening Standard when interviewed: "It would be an ideal arrangement if everybody using the roads, including motorists, pedal cyclists and pedestrians, were forced to insure.

"Motorists have another complaint. The Road Traffic Act has been working for a year, but few pedestrians have taken the trouble to make themselves acquainted with the injunctions in the Highway Code. They should take the trouble, at least, to learn the signals used by drivers and by persons regulating traffic, as is suggested in the Code."

The secretary of the Pedestrians' Association put the opposing case. He said:

"The fact is that the motor-car has introduced the danger element on the road, and the question of third party insurance for pedestrians should not arise.

"Would Not Pay."

"In any case, it would be impracticable to introduce insurance for everybody. It would not pay to collect the small premium. The administrative work would be enormous.

"The only way in which a pedestrian could be insured in the remote event of his being held liable would be by a special fund similar to the Road Fund, provided out of the motorists' taxation."

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Teak Bedsteads, Cabinet Gramophones and Records, Crockery, Glass Ware, Brass Fenders, Screens, Cabin Trunks, Table Lamps, Vases, Teak Filling Cabinet, Fire Screen, Baby Pram, Portable Gramophones, Dinner Waggon, etc., etc.

and

A Quantity of
BLACKWOOD FURNITURE
also

1 Duplicator
2 Typewriters
2 Cottage Pianos
1 New Bicycle

On View from Thursday, March 17, 1932.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

Catalogues will be issued.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, March 16, 1932.

GENERAL NOTICES.

1932—1933.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the Royal Naval Hospital, until 10 a.m. on the 21st March, 1932, from persons desirous of supplying Beef, Mutton, Fowls, Pork, Cheese, Pure Cow's Milk, Ice and other provisions, and necessaries for the year ending 31st March, 1933.

Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the R.N. Hospital.

The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.

THOS. WM. MYLES,
Surgeon Captain, R.N.
Medical Officer in Charge.

Royal Naval Hospital,
Hong Kong, 14th March, 1932.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY OF HONG KONG.

A FINAL PRACTICE DANCE will be held in the Peninsula Hotel Rose Room on WEDNESDAY, March 16, at 5.15 p.m.

Members and friends are asked to attend.

G. P. MURPHY,
P. T. MAHONY,
Joint Hon. Secretaries.

Hong Kong, March 15, 1932.

TRINITY COLLEGE OF MUSIC, LONDON.

LOCAL EXAMINATIONS

A cable has been received from London advising that the PRACTICAL examination must be held this year at end of September instead of June.

Further entries may now be received up to June 1. Apply for entry forms from

WM. ANDERSON,
Local Secretary,
c/o THE ANDERSON MUSIC CO., LTD.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1918), LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on THURSDAY, 17th instant, the SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY will be discontinued from the KWANTI and FANLING AREAS between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for testing purposes, weather permitting.

GENERAL NOTICES.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

THE 17th ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS will take place (weather permitting) on the School Ground, Causeway Bay, on SATURDAY, March 19, commencing at noon.

Mr. Lo Cheung Shiu, J.P., has kindly consented to present the prizes.

Members of the Q.C.O.B.A. and other friends are cordially invited.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the General Managers have (with the sanction of the Consulting Committee of this Company obtained at a Meeting of such Committee held here on the 14th day of March, 1932) made a Call of $50 per share in respect of the monies unpaid on the shares held by the Shareholders and that such Call should be paid on WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of March, 1932, to the General Managers at the Offices of the Company.

That the General Managers have (with the like sanction of the Consulting Committee) determined to employ the sum of $400,000 part of the Reserve Fund of the Company in paying a Special Dividend of $50 per share on the shares of the Company held by the Shareholders and that such Special Dividend shall be payable on the 30th day of March, 1932.

Warrants for the Special Dividend can be obtained on application to the General Managers at the Offices of the Company.

Should any Shareholder fail to pay the amount of the said Call on the 30th day of March, 1932, the General Managers will on the 31st day of March, 1932, apply the amount of the above mentioned Special Dividend due to him in payment and satisfaction of the said Call.

After payment or satisfaction of the said Call in the manner above indicated a Memorandum showing the extent to which the shares are then paid up will be endorsed on all Certificates of Shares presented to the General Managers at the Offices of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS and REGISTER of MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th day of March, 1932, to the 30th day of March, 1932, both days inclusive.

Dated this 15th day of March, 1932.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers,
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

LAMMERT BROS.

AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS AND SURVEYORS.

— Public Auctions —

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON

THURSDAY, March 17, 1932, commencing at 10.30 a.m., at No. 8, Wing Lock Building, Lock Road, Top Floor, Kowloon.

A Quantity of
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

On View from Wednesday, March 16, 1932.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, March 12, 1932.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Holder of Bill of Sale No. 5 of 1932 to sell by Public Auction on

THURSDAY, March 17, 1932, at 12.15 p.m., at No. 22, Wing On Street.

The Stock-in-Trade of
THE TAI LOY HING KEE FIRM.
Comprising:—
Woollen, Cotton, and Artificial Silk Piece Goods, etc.

Terms:—As Customary.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, March 15, 1932.

COMPANY MEETINGS

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT & LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th Floor, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1932, at 12 Noon to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1931, to elect Auditors, and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

And Notice is further hereby given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 23rd day of March, 1932, both days inclusive.

Hong Kong, 2nd March, 1932.

LIANG CHI HAO,
Managing Director.

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT & LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th Floor, at 12.15 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1932, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution:—

That there shall be added to Article 71 of the Articles of Association of the Company the words:—

"but the Chairman shall receive double remuneration."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Ltd., will be held at 12 o'clock noon on WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of April, 1932, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above-mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the above-mentioned Resolution.

Dated this Second Day of March, 1932.

LIANG CHI HAO,
Managing Director.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on WEDNESDAY, the 30th March, 1932, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1931.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 30th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, 9th March, 1932.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 43rd ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 31st day of March, 1932, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 12th March, 1932, to THURSDAY, 31st March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
ALLAN KEITH,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 1st March, 1932.

FLATULENCE IN BABIES.

First and foremost among the troubles of babyhood are digestive derangements, usually manifested by distressing attacks of flatulence. Besides the primary seriousness of the mal-nutrition, there is always danger of convulsions if the child is unable to expel the accumulation of gas in the stomach.

In order to ensure normal digestion you should give Baby's Own Tablets, the remedy specially prepared for babies and all children up to six. These pleasant-tasting little tablets, which can be given without trouble, are invaluable for correcting stomach and bowel troubles generally. Baby's Own Tablets are also rapidly effective for breaking up colds, relieving croup, checking diarrhoea and allaying feverishness. During teething the tablets are especially valuable, for their settling effect on the stomach removes the cause of the pains, and thus enables baby to enjoy health-giving sleep. Baby's Own Tablets are guaranteed to contain no narcotics or other harmful drugs, but comprise the prescription of a qualified medical practitioner of special experience in children's ailments.

All chemists and stores can supply you.

COMPANY MEETINGS

THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in Hong Kong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong), on FRIDAY, the 18th day of March, 1932, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1931, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 2nd March, 1932, until Friday, the 18th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 27th January, 1932.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on WEDNESDAY, 23rd March, 1932, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1931, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th March, 1932, to 23rd March, 1932, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hong Kong, 17th February, 1932.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held in the Company's Board Room, 3rd Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 24th March, 1932, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1931, electing Directors and Auditors, and for the transaction of any other Ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE is also hereby given that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 14th March, 1932, until THURSDAY, 24th March, 1932, both days inclusive, during which period no transfers of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
D. L. KING,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th March, 1932.

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HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations, March 16, 1932.

NEXT SETTLEMENT DAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 1932.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nom.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid	
Banks.							
Hong Kong Bank .....$	...	1465	...	...	Dec.	Final $3 at 1/5=$41.74 making $20 for 1931	Feb. 27, 32
,, (Lon. Reg.)...£	...	...	...	108			
Chartered Bank .....£	...	...	...	18	Dec.	Int. 7/- Sub. to I/Tax a/c 1931	ep 21, 31
Mercantile Bk., A&B. £	...	...	...	20			
,, C. £	...	...	...	7½	Dec.	Int. 7% a/c 1931 less I/Tax.....	... 8, 31
Bank of Asia .....$	...	...	...	123	Dec.	$3 for 1931.....	Pending
Insurances.							
Canton Ins. .....$	...	...	...	1860	Dec.	Fin. $32=Bon. $10 for 1929 / Interim $18 a/c 1930 = $60	... 19, 3
Union Ins. .....$	...	...	445	...	Dec.	Final 10/ for 1929 / Interim 24/- a/c 1930 = £2	... 29, 31
China Underwriters...$	...	...	...	4.10	Dec.	None	
China Fire Ins. .....$	...	...	...	590	Dec.	Final $9 bonus $6 and $14 for 1929 / Interim $3 a/c 1930 = $32	... 31, 31
H. K. Fire Ins. .....$	...	...	...	1250	Dec	$80 and bonus $6 making $53 for 1930	Pending
Shipping.							
Douglases .....$	...	...	...	26½	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924.....	...
H. K. Steamboats ...$	...	...	...	23	Dec.	$1.50 for 1929 None for 1930.....	Mar. 4, 32
Indo-China (Pref.) ...$	...	...	...	45	Dec.	12½ ex. 2½ on preferred for 1924 and 1925	June 19, 29
,, (Def.) ...$	...	...	...	92		Last dividend for 192	ere
Shells Bearer .....s/-	...	...	...	44/4½	Dec.	Final 1/6 Coupon No. 18 free I/Tax a/c 1930	July 6, 31
Union Waterboats ...$	...	...	...	25	Dec.	$1.50 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
Mining.							
Benguets .....$	...	...	...	11½	Dec.	Fourth Int. 20 centavos/c1721	Dec. 15, 31
Kailan Mining Ad. s/-	...	...	...	80/-	June	2½ % free I/Tax. Coupon 20 for year 30-6-31	Dec. — 31
Langkats (Single) ...Tls.	...	...	...	4	Oct.	T. 0.50 for year 31-10-29	May 8, 30
S'hai Exploration...Tls.	...	...	...	2.10	Dec.	None	ere
,, Loans .....Tls.	...	...	...	2	Dec.	Final T. 0.45, making T. 0.80 for 1930	Feb. 6, 31
Raubs .....$	...	...	...	89	Mar.	3rd Int. 2/- a/c year 31-3-32	Mar. 15, 32
Venezuela Gold Fields $	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.							
H. K. & K. Wharves..$	...	...	...	14½	Dec.	$3 for 1931.....	Mar. 10, 32
H. K. & W. Docks...$	...	99	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924.....	ere
South Ch. Motors (A) $	...	...	...	10	...	...	ere
,, ("B")$	...	12	...	...			
China Providents (old) $	4.80	...	...	...	Dec.	16 cents on old 8 cents on new for 1931	Pending
,, (new) $	2½	...	...	...			
Hongkews .....Tls.	...	...	...	220	Dec.	Interim T. 3 a/c 1931	Oct. 9, 31
N. Engineerings ...Tls.	...	...	...	6½	Dec.	T. 0.25 for 1931	Mar. 8, 32
Shanghai Docks ...Tls.	...	...	...	90½	Apr.	T. 6 for year 30-4-31	July 29, 31
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.							
H.K. & S. Hls. (old)$	18.50	...	...	...	Dec.	6 cts. (old) 2 cts. (new) for 1931	Mar. 18 32
,, (new)$	18.50	...	...	...			
H.K. Lands .....$	...	...	74	...	Dec.	Final $2 making $4 for 1931	Feb. 16, 32
Shanghai Lands ...Tls.	...	...	...	27	Dec.	Final T. 0.30 bonus T. 0.30 and 1/- 0.7. for 1931	Pending
Humphreys .....$	...	...	...	18	Dec.	$1.50 on old 150 cents on new for 1931	Feb. 29, 32
H. K. Realties .....$	0.70	...	...	...	Dec.	Fin. 3 cts. mak. 6 cts. for 1931	Mar. 2, 32
Chinese Estates .....$	95	...	...	...	Feb.	Interim $3 a/c year 19-2-32	Jan. 30, 32
Cotton Mills.							
Ewo Cottons .....Tls	14½	...	14½	...	Dec.	T. 1.50 for 1931	Pending
Shanghai Cotton...Tls.	...	...	...	80½	Apr. and Oct.	T. 3-25 for half year 31-10-31	Dec. — 31
Zoong Sings .....Tls.	...	...	...	11½	June	T. 0-80 for year 30-6-31	Oct. 8, 31
Public Utilities.							
H. K. Tramways ...$	20½	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 6 cts. making $1 for 1931	Feb. 17, 32
Peak Trams (old) ...$	...	...	...	15.50	Apr.	$30 cts. on old 40 cts on new for year 30-4-31	June 16, 31
,, (new) ...$	...	...	...	8	Dec.	$5 for 1931	Feb. 11, 32
Star Ferries .....$	...	39	...	69½	Dec.	$1.50 for 1930	June 28, 31
Yaumati Ferries .....$	...	...	...	...	Sept.	50 cts. for year 30-6-31	Dec. 31, 31
China Light (old) ...$	...	20½	...	...	Dec.	$2.50 for 1931	Pending
,, (new) ...$	...	...	...	20½	June	None	ere
H. K. Electrics .....$	73	...	...	...	Dec.	$2.50 for 1931	Pending
Macao ,, ...$	...	...	...	38	Dec.	...	...
Sandakan Lights ....$	...	...	...	43	June	None	ere
H.K. Tels. fully paid $	...	...	...	41			
,, part paid $	...	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 5% making 10% for 1931	Mar. 9, 32
China Buses .....Tls.	...	...	22½	16	Dec.	T. 0.90 for 1929	Feb. 25, 30
S'poreTractions(Ord.)s/-	...	...	...	9/-	Sept.	14½ on preference shares Subject to income tax	Feb. 6, 31
,, (Pref.)s/-	...	...	...	14/-			
Industrials.							
Malabon Sugars .....$	...	21	...	...	Dec.	Ps. 4.50 for 1930	Mar. 4, 31
Cald: Macg. Ord....Tls.	...	...	...	14	Dec.	T. 1 / T. 0.80 for 1930	Mar. 21, 32
,, Pref....Tls.	...	...	...	10½			
Canton Ices .....$	5	...	...	...	July	20 cents for year 31-7-31	Oct. 2, 31
Cements (com.) .....$	17½	...	...	...			
,, (old) .....$	...	...	...	12½	Dec.	45 cents on old 10 cents on new for 1931	Pending
,, (new) .....$	...	...	...	5			
H. K. Ropes .....$	...	...	...	16	Dec.	75 cents for 1930	Mar. 27, 31
China Agriculture.....$	...	...	...	10½	...	...	...
Stories, &c.							
Dairy Farm .....$	...	...	...	28½	Dec.	$1.75 for 1931	Mar. 2, 32
Watsons .....$	...	...	...	15½	Oct.	75 cents for year 31-10-30	Mar. 16, 31
Def A Wings .....$	...	...	...	1	...	...	ere
Lane Crawfords (old)...$	5	...	...	...	Feb.	Last dividend for year 23-2-28	ere
,, (new)$	...	...	...	5			
Mackintoshs .....$	...	...	...	19 —	Feb.	$2 for year 23-2-31	Apr. 30, 31
Sinceres .....$	...	...	...	14.70	...	...	ere
Wm. Powells .....$	...	...	...	8.50	Feb.	20 cents for year 22-2-31	June 17, 31
Miscellaneous.							
H.K. Amusements ...$	20½	...	...	...	Mar.	$2.50 for year 31-3-31	Sept. 30, 31
C. Entertainments (Old)$	...	...	...	15½	...	...	ere
,, (New)$	...	...	...	15½			
S. C. Enterprises ...$	...	...	...	10	...	...	...
Macao "Greyhounds" $	...	...	...	10	...	...	...
Constructions (Old) ...$	51	...	...	...			
,, (New) ...$	1.90	...	1.85	...	Dec.	30 cents for 1930	Apr. 29, 31
B. Ind. G.$ Bonds ...$	...	...	...	58%	...	...	...
H.K. Govt. Loans ....$	4%	Prem.	...	...	...	Interest half yearly	ere

V. D. A.

Officials Elected at Conference.

Presiding for the last time over the annual Diocesan two-day Conference held in St. John's Cathedral Hall yesterday evening, the Bishop of Victoria (the Right Rev. C. R. Duppuy, D.D.) gave a comprehensive survey of the work done during the last twelve years, the length of his term of office in the Diocese.

The Rev. L. N. Watkins who was not present owing to illness, was re-elected Honorary Secretary, and Mr. Paul Barker was elected Treasurer. Messrs. Thomson and Company were elected auditors.

The following were elected to the Executive Council, the Bishop, the Dean, the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer being ex-officio members. Clergy, The Revs. C. I. Blanchett, G. K. Carpenter, N. V. Halward, W. W. Rogers and G. T. Waldegrave. Lay Representatives, St. John's Cathedral, Lady Pollock, Professor L. Forster and the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C.

St. Andrew's Church, Mr. J. W. Baldwin and Mr. J. H. Hunt, O.B.E.

St. Peter's Church, Mr. R. Ashton Hill and Miss R. Mow Fung.

The budget for 1932, which calls for an estimated expenditure of $8,230, was accepted.

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HEIAN MARU ..... Tuesday, 26th April.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Suez.
KATORI MARU ..... Saturday, 19th March.
KASHIMA MARU ..... Saturday, 2nd April.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.
ATSUTA MARU ..... Saturday, 26th March.
KAMO MARU ..... Saturday, 23rd April.
MANILA.
TATSUTA MARU ..... Thursday, 31st March.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.
TANGO MARU ..... Sunday, 27th March.
† TOKIWA MARU ..... Tuesday, 12th April.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.
RAKUYO MARU ..... Thursday, 17th March.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.
† TOBA MARU ..... Monday, 11th April.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Beyrouth, Istanbul, Peraeus, Genoa, & Valencia.
† LIMA MARU ..... Saturday, 16th April.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon
† PENANG MARU ..... Tuesday, 29th March.
† HAKODATE MARU ..... Thursday, 7th April.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
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HAKONE MARU (omit Shanghai) .. Friday, 18th March.
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For further information apply to:—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
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O. S. K.

SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.	Santos Maru	Thurs.,	24th Mar.
MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DAR-ES-SALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, PORT ELIZABETH & CAPETOWN THENCE TO RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Singapore & Colombo	Arabia Maru	Tues.,	5th Apr.
MELBOURNE via Brisbane & Sydney	Brisbane Maru	Tues.,	5th Apr.
JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services).	Himalaya Maru	Thurs.,	24th Mar.
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo Suez & Port Said.	Alaska Maru	Sat.,	9th Apr.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Kwanto Maru (from Kobe)	Thurs.,	24th Mar.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Colombo.	Hague Maru (not call Karachi)	Sat.,	19th Mar.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Hamburg Maru	Sat.,	19th Mar.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow and Pakhoi	Menado Maru	Fri.,	18th Mar.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (8 p.m. every Sunday).	Hozan Maru ..... Canton Maru	Sun., Sun.,	20th Mar. 27th Mar.
JAPAN PORTS via Takao & Keelung	Panama Maru	Fri.,	8th Apr.
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).	Deli Maru	Thurs.,	24th Mar.

For further particulars please apply to:—
OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.
Telephone 28061.

BRITISH WUCHOW LINE

SAILING DATES FOR MARCH, 1932 (Subject to Change).

DEPARTURE HOURS: Hong Kong 5.30 p.m., Wuchow 3 p.m.

Steamer.	Leaves Hong Kong	Arrives Wuchow	Leaves Wuchow	Arrives Hong Kong
TAI MING	WED. 16th	FRI. 18th	SAT. 19th	SUN. 20th
TAI HING	FRI. 18th	SUN. 20th	MON. 21st	TUES. 22nd
TAI MING	MON. 21st	WED. 23rd	THURS. 24th	FRI. 25th
TAI HING	WED. 23rd	FRI. 25th	SAT. 26th	SUN. 27th
TAI MING	SAT. 26th	MON. 28th	TUES. 29th	WED. 30th
TAI HING	MON. 28th	SAT. 2nd	THURS. 31st	FRI. 1st
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Whitehed—North wall.
Wren—In dock.

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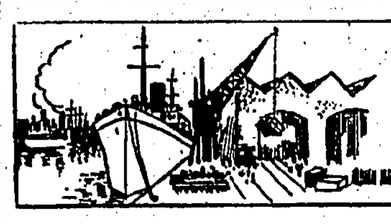

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THE GERMAN NAVY

OF THE GREAT WAR PERIOD.

When the Kaiser's "Coolies" Turned Against Their Master.

An incident that shook Germany's faith in herself and so helped to end the War was the mutiny of the sailors at Wilhelmshaven and other great naval bases. If the treatment of the German bluejackets, as described in "The Kaiser's Coolies," by Theodor Plivier (Faber and Faber, 7s. 6d.), is true, one can only wonder that the mutiny was so long delayed.

But there were murmurings early in the War. The men are here talking about their dead comrades who perished in the "demonstration" against the English coast when the Blucher was sunk:—

"Sheep to the slaughter."

"And what for? A parade."

"A demonstration, and useless at that."

"If only one of those damned British aeroplanes would come and drop a bomb on the fleet flagship. Right on the C.-in-C.'s cabin."

"We needn't sit here and grumble, needn't wait for a British airman. If I had my way, not a shovel should move next time a couple of ships are to go out by themselves. Either all go—or none." . . .

Their ships are rotten, they say, the engines too slow, the guns haven't a long enough range, the leadership disgusting. They hate their officers, these volunteer sailors, most of whom were "pressed" into the service from merchant ships.

The Kaiser's Visit.

Even when the Kaiser pays a visit of inspection there is the same bitter note. "While his Majesty is still far off, lying in the sleeping car of his special train as it dashes across the country, the crews are fallen in on board the ships and in the dockyard at Wilhelmshaven. They stand in long lines, their dressing perfect":—

A bid must be made for the approval of the Supreme War Lord, for orders and decorations. And a well-disciplined and faultlessly-drilled personnel is just as important—perhaps even means more—than a victory at sea.

One hour has passed.

Two hours have passed.

Divisional officers, commanders, captains, admirals in command of battle squadrons, have made their preliminary inspection. The finishing touch, so to speak, has been given. The men, standing with their hands and faces blue with cold, are only allowed to move their knees. Man is fine material! No monkey or circus horse could do this!

"Not Much To Look At."

Finally the Kaiser arrives, and the men are allowed to wave their caps three times. The tension is broken and the "coolies" have a chance to express their feelings:—

"Well, he's not much to look at."

"The old bloke with the beard feet long is Admiral Tirpitz," . . . Most of the crew is fallen in, opposite the ship, but not all of them. "Where's Willy got to?" one of the "Seydlitz's" asks; "and Louis and the Danziger," "Man, they haven't got inspection faces; they're down in the bilges with the fatigue party." A couple of hundred men have been shut up in the underwater compartments, while the inspection goes on, to prevent them being seen by their Supreme War Lord.

Still the men murmur against their officers. Shore leave is promised, but it is made as difficult to obtain as possible:—

"Liberty men fall in for inspection!"

Commander Kessel himself inspects the parade. He walks along the ranks drawn up on the dark deck. "That handkerchief is not tied properly!" "Boots not polished!" "Cap battered." "This fellow has dirty nails!"

About twenty men he picks out for improper dress and dirty nails. Instead of going on shore they must muster each other's kit. . . .

Some of the ships are sent to sea, mostly as mine-sweepers and mine-layers. One ship, on which Herr Plivier served, returns "after an unparalleled cruise over five seas, after laying mines off the important harbour of four continents, and sinking 30,000 tons of enemy shipping":—

In Kiel Bay we drop anchor. After 444 days at sea. Sent out to drown. Our obituary notices have been written long ago and dispatched by the Admiralty to our relatives. And now we have come back and are at Kiel. One hospital-ship disembarks the sick, another the prisoners.

Making an Example.

When they arrive home they find the situation at the bases uglier than ever. Here is a typical "incident": the lower deck ratings have refused to fall in for duty; a lieutenant determines to make an example of one of them:—

"Seaman Bulow, up to your work." . . . Bulow's heavy face assumes a fixed expression. Into the farthest corner of the mess deck penetrates his voice.

"If Bulow won't, he won't."

With these words he seizes his seaman's knife and drives the blade through his hand. His left hand pinned to the table, he stands with bent back and stares at the master-at-arms.

But on other ships the officers are still topdogs—for the moment, at any rate. One division is too slow in coaling. This means punishment drill under the eye of the divisional officer:—

On shore, among heaps of coal, he makes his men stand with knees bent minutes on end, do the goose-step and keep on lying full length in the mud.

"I'll teach you how to shovel coal. Call that the goose-step! Stretch your damned feet out! Detachment—halt! Stand easy! Keep your eyes on that mud."

At their feet lay a puddle of rain. "Down—up! Down!—up! Down—" They lie there with their faces in the puddle. . . .

Down with Everybody!

Then after months of seething unrest the storm breaks. The officers go about with revolvers in their pockets, but they can no longer keep their men in check:—

Officers coming down from the bridge are pelted with buckets, boots, boiler scales, anything that comes in handy. Arms. Fists. The picture of the "Victor of Jutland" is torn in pieces. Lamps are broken, rifles and ammunition served out. Shells for a secondary armament put ready. . . . The aristocrats! The cut-throats! The Imperial Navy! Down with them all!

"Down with the ensign," they shout. And down it comes:—

A pair of arms wave a swab in the air, a dirty swab used to wash the decks, old and frayed with the sweat of innumerable coolies sentenced to extra work.

"The swab—tie it on!"

"Ready . . . all of you. Up with it!"

The swab rises in the air; hangs up there, at the gaff; at which, during four and half years of war and from the very foundation of the navy, the symbol of the Empire has flown.

Such was the end of the proud Imperial German Fleet. The "Kaiser's Coolies" had turned against their master. Herr Plivier's is an unforgettable book. It has the same bitterness, the same grim realism, of "All Quiet on the Western Front"—it is the "All Quiet" of the sea.—John O' London's Weekly.

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March 16 to 22, 1932.

Date		High Water Standard Ht. Times.			Low Water Standard Ht. Times.		
	Mar.	H.	M.	F.	H.	M.	F.
Wed.	16 ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
		14	21	5.8	23	49	1.5
Thurs.	17 ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
		15	42	5.9	—	—	—
Fri.	18 ..	—	—	—	00	45	1.2
		17	35	6.2	—	—	—
Sat.	19 ..	09	10	4.1	01	30	0.8
		18	54	6.6	12	16	3.7
Sun.	20 ..	09	10	4.5	02	10	0.6
		19	54	7.1	13	20	3.2
Mon.	21 ..	09	25	4.9	02	45	0.5
		20	45	7.2	14	10	2.6
Tues.	22 ..	09	45	5.2	03	20	0.6
		21	35	7.1	14	56	1.9

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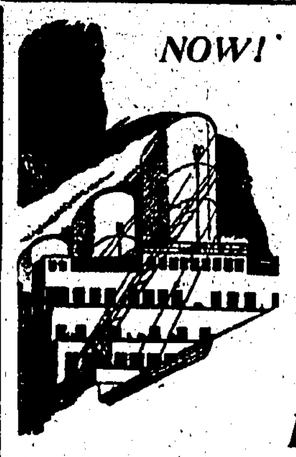

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Emp. of Russia	Apr. 22	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Apr. 28	Apr. 30		May 9
Emp. of Japan	May 6	May 9		May 11	May 13	May 19	May 24
Emp. of Asia	May 20	May 23	May 24	May 26	May 28	June 4	June 10
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		1932.	
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††*BURDWAN	6,500	2nd Apr.	Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CORFU	15,000	9th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	23rd Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	7th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
‡†*SOMALI	6,800	14th May	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, H'burg, R'terdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CHITRAL	15,000	21st May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANCHI	17,000	4th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
‡†*BANGALORE	6,500	11th June	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre H'burg, R'terdam, Antwerp & Hull.
NALDERA	16,000	18th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KAISAR-I-HIND	12,000	2nd July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
††*BHUTAN	6,000	9th July	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, H'burg, R'dam, A'werp & Hull.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MANTUA	11,000	30th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
‡†*SOUDAN	6,800	6th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre H'burg, R'terdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	13th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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RANCHI	17,000	5th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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WARSHIPS AND STAMPS.

The Roumanian Government has comparatively recently issued a special set of four postage stamps to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the national Navy. This is the first occasion on which commemorative postage stamps have been produced in honour of any Navy, but the collector's album contains specimens illustrating almost every type of modern warship except the submarine, writes Ubique in the Navy.

In 1898 the United States issued a set of fiscal stamps with a design showing a battleship of the Indiana class. A Dreadnought type battleship of the early war years is depicted on Austria's 20-heller Charity stamp of 1915, and six years later Japan produced a special stamp showing the battle-cruisers Katori and Kashima, which took the Crown Prince on his European tour. The armoured cruiser is represented in the stamp album by the Greek Averoff, which appears on the 1927 set.

The Uruguayan cruiser Montevideo (2,300 tons), built at Elswick in 1888 as the Italian Dogali, is the oldest steam-driven warship to appear on a postage stamp and is also unique in having been twice selected for this honour, since she is shown on the 1908 Independence set and again on the 1909 stamps issued to commemorate the opening of the port of Montevideo.

The Columbian cruiser Almirante Lezo (1,200 tons), which appears on the 1903 stamps of that country, has also had an unusual career, as she was originally built for Morocco in 1892 as the El Baschir, and was bought by Columbia in 1902 and rechristened Cartagena. A more modern protected cruiser — the Hamidie—is shown on the Turkish 2-piastre stamp of 1913.

The only destroyer which appears in the stamp album is that shown on the new Roumanian 20-lei stamps, while the 10-lei value of this set has for its design a small monitor.

Probably the most insignificant warship to decorate a postage stamp was the gunboat Lark, which is represented on the 3-cents Liberian stamps of 1909.

To complete the philatelist's collection to illustrate warship types should be included one of the Turkish Navy League stamps showing a torpedo-boat at sea. These labels were over-printed after the war and were officially issued by the Angora Government for postal purposes.

The Chilian Independence commemorative stamps of 1910 include two pictures of sea fights between the naval forces of the patriots and Spanish ships. The 10-cents value shows the action between the frigates Lautaro and Esmeralda, while on the 12-cents value is illustrated the capture of the Spanish frigate Maria Isabella, which vessel later took a leading part in the War of Independence.

The destruction of a Turkish vessel by a British line-of-battleship at the battle of Navarino is shown on the Greek 4-drachma stamp of 1928, while on another value of the same series appears a portrait of Admiral Sir Edward Codrington, the British Commander-in-Chief. Chili also has not forgotten the services of the British seamen who helped her in her struggle for independence, and in 1915 produced a stamp bearing the head of Lord Cochhrane.

Considering Britain's sea traditions, it is surprising how seldom naval subjects have been selected for her stamp designs. In 1906 Barbados honoured the centenary of Trafalgar by producing a finely executed set of stamps bearing a reproduction of the local memorial to Lord Nelson, erected in 1813, and Newfoundland allotted four values, of her 1919 Victory series in commemoration of the services of the Royal Naval Reserve during the war. It was also fitting that in 1901, Malta, which has so many associations with the Royal Navy, should choose as a stamp design the Grand Harbour at Valetta with a British battleship at anchor.

It will be seen, therefore, that quite a representative stamp collection could be made to illustrate the various types of modern warships and similar naval subjects.

ALIEN SEAMEN.

The question of alien seamen in British ships is a very important one, which very properly arouses a good deal of question from time to

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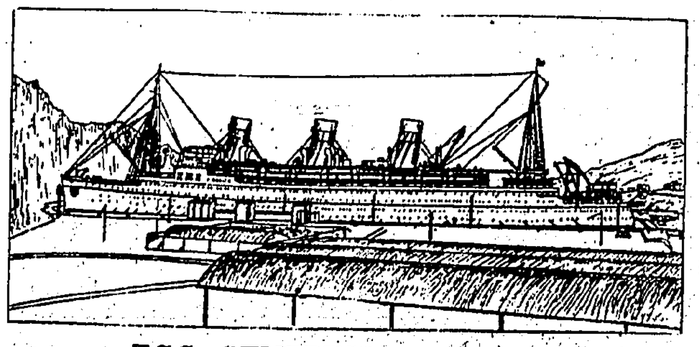

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time, but it is a matter on which it is essential to get the correct facts, and the annual census which is published by the Registrar-General of Shipping and Seamen for the Board of Trade ought to be given greater publicity. The last one was taken on April 26, 1931, when 170,257 seamen were serving in British ships divided between 109,575 British 49,628 British Lascars and 11,054 foreigners. These figures show a decrease all round, as is only natural when so many ships are laid up, but while the percentage of Lascars employed has gone up by two per cent. as compared with last year, the percentage of foreigners in the lowest on record.—The Navy.

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HORRORS ON THE SCREEN.

The "Frankenstein" Film.

By CAMPBELL DIXON.

Yesterday I saw "Frankenstein," the horror film which has been the most sensational box-office success America has known for years, writes Campbell Dixon in the Daily Telegraph.

If a small boy with a passion for blood and mechanics were let loose in a studio, "Frankenstein" is exactly the sort of film he would produce. Everything meaningless that perverted ingenuity could suggest—thunder and lightning, dangling skeletons, baying hounds, a mountain shack as full of dynamos as Western Electric's head station—is there to wring a gasp from the uncritical.

Everything in Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley's novel that lifted it above the level of a penny-dreadful has been omitted. "Frankenstein" was published in 1817 when thinking minds were absorbed with the horrors of the new machine age. The monster stood for man's hideous creation that would eventually destroy him — or at least destroy the joy and beauty that made life worth living. The most effective passages in the book, as in the play produced at the Littlee Theatre, were the monster's blind gropings towards beauty and love, and his hatred for his creator when he is denied.

Of all this the film does not give us much as a hint. Mr. Colin Clive (Frankenstein), Mr. Boris Karloff (the monster), Miss Mae Clarke, and Mr. Frederick Kerr (the one real being in a world of robots) do their best to make the clotted nonsense convincing. Responsibility for their failure (and the jubilation at the box-office) must be dividend between Mr. James Whale, the producer of "Journey's End," and the man who prepared the script.

"Frankenstein" will make a great deal of money. But it will also do more than any other film of the year to make a laughing stock of the screen.

"MIRACLE MAN."

Powerful Cast Assembled.

One of Hollywood's strongest all-star casts has been completed for Paramount's talking production of "The Miracle Man." which Norman McLeod is directing.

Heading the cast are Sylvia Sidney, Chester Morris, Irving Pichel, John Wray, Robert Coogan, Lloyd Hughes, Boris Karloff, Ned Sparks, Hobart Bosworth and Florine McKinney. Minor cast members are Jackie Searl, Effie Ellsler, Virginia Bruce, Frank Darien, Lew Kelly and Sherry Hall.

Miss McKinney, former Texas high school girl signed to a Paramount contract, alone is without former leading film or stage experience.

Waldemar Young and Samuel Hoffenstein have adapted the story from the novel by Frank Packard and Robert H. Davis and Broadway dramatisation by George M. Cohan.

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"Mickey Mouse jewellery" is the latest vogue in New York. Pins, rings, bracelets and brooches and other trinkets, adorned with a figure of Mickey, or in a Mickey design, are being worn by the smartest New York women, and the rage appears to be spreading. The jewellery is not of the "cheap" variety, either. Jewels made in precious metals, ivory and enamel.

KREISLER AT THE QUEEN'S HALL.

Virtuoso's Human Side.

A CONCERT SERIES' FUTURE.

In a short speech from the conductor's rostrum at Queen's Hall, London, Sir Thomas Beecham referred to the continuance of the series of orchestral concerts arranged by the late Mr. Lionel Powell.

"If a man dies in this country," said Mr. Thomas, "the law sees that his estate becomes as complicated as possible." He appealed to that audience and to the musical public to support the remaining concerts of the present season, which were being carried on by the L.S.O. in very difficult circumstances, although he himself would not be conducting. He also referred to the fact that Kreisler of his own accord had offered "a very considerable rebate" in connection with that concert—a remark that was received with an outburst of cheers, writes H. H. in the Daily Telegraph.

It was a large audience that listened to Sir Thomas and to the fine programme he directed—two Haydn symphonies (Nos. 3 and 5 of the Salomon set), the D minor Violin Concerto of Bach, and the Intermezzo from "A Village Romeo and Juliet" of Delius. In the Concerto the soloist was Fritz Kreisler—not in his best form. For once in a way the great fiddler revealed himself as something less than the impeccable Olympian; liable to human errors of intonation and roughness of tone. In a conspicuous passage of "double-stopping" in the opening Allegro, for example, he was not quite the Kreisler we know, and although he gave us the majestic beauty of the Adagio unsullied—and how superbly this was accompanied!—the finale Allegro was again just not what it ought to have been at his hands.

An Enthusiastic Audience.

Nevertheless, it was a Kreisler evening, and the audience applauded loud and long, bringing the soloist back to the platform many times until at last he was persuaded to play again. This he did, solo, selecting two movements from the second Partita in D minor. In this the great artist was himself again, and we were well content.

Haydn, like Mozart, is always a joy when Beecham holds the baton. Playing like that of the Largo in No. 5 is heard only when players and conductor are in tune with themselves, and this, the Delius Intermezzo, which came after the interval, showed us what is meant by that simple but rare phenomenon, unanimity.

Lillian Bond.

"ONE HOUR WITH YOU."

Chevalier's New Starring Picture.

BIG CAST.

With fifteen players in the leading roles, the cast for Maurice Chevaliers current Paramount starring picture, "One Hour With You," has been completed.

Supporting the star in major roles are Jeanette MacDonald, Genevieve Tobin, Charlie Ruggles, Roland Young, Josephine Dunn and George Barbier, Minor characters are played by Richard Carle, Charles Judels, Barbara Leonard, Charles Coleman, Sheila Manners, Leonie Pray and George Davis. Donald Novis, radio singer, introduces several songs.

George Cukor is directing under the supervision of Ernst Lubitsch. Samson Raphaelson has written the screen play from the Continental drama by Lothar Schmidt. Music is by Oscar Straus, lyrics by Leo Robin and interpolated music by Richard A. Whiting.

"BEHIND THE MASK."

Jack Holt's Latest Starring Film.

Columbia Pictures' "Behind the Mask," adapted from the story "In the Secret Service," Jack Holt's latest starring vehicle, has been completed. Constance Cummings plays opposite the star. Other members of the cast include Claude King, Bertha Mann, Edward Van Sloan, Willard Roberton and Clarence Barton.

One of the most important supporting players is Boris Karloff, recently acclaimed by the critics for his portrayal as the monster in "Frankestein." Karloff, however, will be seen in an entirely different characterization in "Behind the Mask," but one equally as impressive. J. Francis Dillon directed.

Tense, dramatic situations, presenting one shock after another, and the fine playing of unusual roles by the cast, combine to make this story of the United States Narcotic Squad a thrilling production, full of action and suspense.

LUPE VELEZ.

To Appear In Paramount's "The Broken Wing."

Lupe Velez, Lawrence Tibbett's tempestuous senorita in "Cuban Love Song," has been signed by Paramount to appear opposite Fredric March in the filmisation of "The Broken Wing."

Miss Velez, who recently returned to the United States from a European trip, is now in Hollywood to prepare for the role of the senorita who enters the life of the young aviator forced down in an area of guerilla warfare.

Lloyd Corrigan, now directing "No One Man," will direct "The Broken Wing," which starts soon after March completes his present vehicle, "The Black Robe."

DELIUS'S BIRTHDAY.

"My Only Message."

Frederick Delius, the blind and paralysed composer, has replied from his home in France to a friend who inquired whether he would care to send a message to his many admirers on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

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„ Breast	牛腩肉	„	32	20	18
„ Soup	湯肉	„	28	20	18
„ Steak	牛柳肉	„	34	24	22
„ Steak Sirloin	牛柳腰肉	„	46	30	35
„ Sausages	牛腸	„	35	26	20
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„ Tongue, fresh	牛脷	each	80	50	60
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„ Heart	牛心	lb.	24	18	14
„ Hump, Salt	牛腰間肉	„	—	20	18
„ Feet	牛蹄	each	12	10	12
„ Kidneys	牛腰子	„	15	10	12
„ Tail	牛尾	„	27	20	22
„ Liver	牛肝	lb.	26	18	14
„ Tripe	牛肚	„	8	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛仔頭蹄	set	$1.50	$1.00	$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊排骨	lb.	60	26	—
„ Leg	羊羊手	„	60	26	—
„ Shoulder	羊手肉	„	60	24	—
„ Saddle	羊鞍	„	60	—	—
Pig's Chitlings	豬腸	„	30	27	—
„ Brains	豬腦	Per set	4	—	—
„ Feet	豬什	lb.	16	15	—
„ Fry	豬什	„	30	15	18
„ Head	豬頭	„	20	20	—
„ Heart	豬心	each	18	10	10
„ Kidneys	豬腰子	„	15	10	8
„ Liver	豬肝	lb.	58	30	24
Pork Chop	豬排骨	„	38	25	28
„ Leg		„	40	—	—
„ Loin	豬後腰肉	„	44	60	70
„ Fat or Lard	豬油	„	25	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭蹄	per set	90	60	70
„ Heart	羊心	each	12	8	7
„ Kidneys	羊腰子	„	15	12	10
„ Liver	羊肝	„	45	26	25
Sucking Pigs, to order	乳豬	lb.	25	25	22
Suet, Beef	牛油	„	34	20	18
„ Mutton	羊油	„	55	26	26
Veal	牛仔肉	„	45	20	20
„ Sausages	牛仔腸	„	28	—	—
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Canton Fresh Water Fish	塘魚	„	32	—	—
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Catfish	鯰魚	„	33	16	27
Codfish	鱈魚	„	32	12	9
Crabs	蟹	lb.	58	16	24
Cuttle Fish	墨魚	„	28	23	26
Dab		„	26	16	27
Dace	黃鱭	„	48	23	15
Dog Fish	鯊魚肚	„	22	10	—
Eels, Conger	海鰻	„	70	10	8
„ Fresh Water	淡水鰻	„	76	16	—
„ Yellow		„	54	10	8
Frogs	田雞	„	86	26	30
Garoupa	石斑	„	1.00	32	25
Gudgeon	鯽魚	„	24	40	30
Herrings	鯖魚	„	30	22	18
Halibut	龍利	„	36	13	23
Labrus	黃鳥	„	35	18	15
Loach	鰍魚	„	82	22	18
Lobsters	龍蝦	„	65	62	24
Mackerel	鯖魚	„	44	32	21
Monk Fish	公魚	„	46	20	20
Mullet	烏魚	„	36	13	2
Oysters	蠔	„	44	12	2
Parrot Fish	鸚哥魚	„	26	14	9
Perch	鱸魚	„	28	30	15
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Plaice	比目魚	„	50	36	20
Pomfret, White	白鯧	„	66	33	30
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Ray	黃魚	„	24	10	14
Rock Fish	石斑	„	26	13	13
Roach	鯇魚	„	35	22	10
Salmon	鮭魚	„	84	36	30
Shark	沙魚	„	22	8	10
Skate	鱝魚	„	22	10	10
Shrimps	蝦	„	72	33	30
Snapper	立魚	„	48	33	30
Soles	龍脷魚	„	54	22	28
Tench	鯉魚	„	42	20	58
Turbot		„	40	12	12
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Capons, Small	線雞	„	62	22	30
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Duck	鴨	„	48	22	21
Doves	乳鴿	each	—	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	38	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮雞蛋	„	40	25	20
Fowls, Canton	本港雞	lb.	76	36	24
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	„	60	35	24
Geese	鵝	„	46	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each	50	30	—
„ Hollow	口鴿	„	40	29	—
Turkeys, Cock	火雞公	lb.	80	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	„	70	61	45
Snipe	沙山鷸	each	30	—	—
Pheasant	雉	pair	2.50	—	—
Quail	鵪鶉	each	45	—	—
Partridges	田鷄	„	1.20	—	—

Fruits.					
Almonds	杏仁	lb.	1.20	35	—
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	„	24	26	—
Bananas (bride's)	蕉山香蕉	„	6	4	—
Carambola	楊桃	„	—	12	—
Coconuts	椰子	each	14	10	10
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Peanuts	花生	„	14	10	12
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Plantain	大蕉	„	—	8	—
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each	13	12	6
Walnuts	合桃	lb.	30	—	16
Grapes	香提子	„	—	—	—

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„ Long	豆角	„	—	—	8
Beet Root	紅菜頭	„	12	—	—
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	„	8	24	—
Brinjals, Green	青瓜	„	8	5	8
„ Red	紅瓜	„	6	5	8
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„ (Shanghai)	菜菜	„	12	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	蔗芽	„	4	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大椰菜花	each	18	—	—
„ (Medium)	中椰菜花	„	14	—	—
„ (Small)	椰菜花	„	12	6	6
Carrots	金笋	lb.	6	5	6
Celery, Chinese	芹菜	„	12	10	6
Chillies, Dried	紅辣椒干	„	18	25	5
„ Red	紅辣椒	„	14	10	10
„ Green	青花椒	„	8	8	12
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„ Mandarin	桂林馬蹄	„	14	—	8
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Okroes		„	—	1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋葱頭	„	10	8	8
„ Green	生蔥	„	6	4	6
„ Shanghai	上海蔥頭	„	8	6	—
Parsley	芹菜	„	35	60	8
Potato, Sweet	番薯	„	5	8	—
„ Japanese	日本薯仔	„	—	3	—
„ American	金山薯仔	„	8	3	—
Pumpkin	多瓜	„	5	4	4
Radish	紅蘿蔔仔	„	—	—	—
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Shallots	干葱頭	„	8	—	8
Spinach	莧菜	„	6	8	—
Tomatoes	蕃茄	„	12	4	—
Taros	芋頭	„	6	7	—
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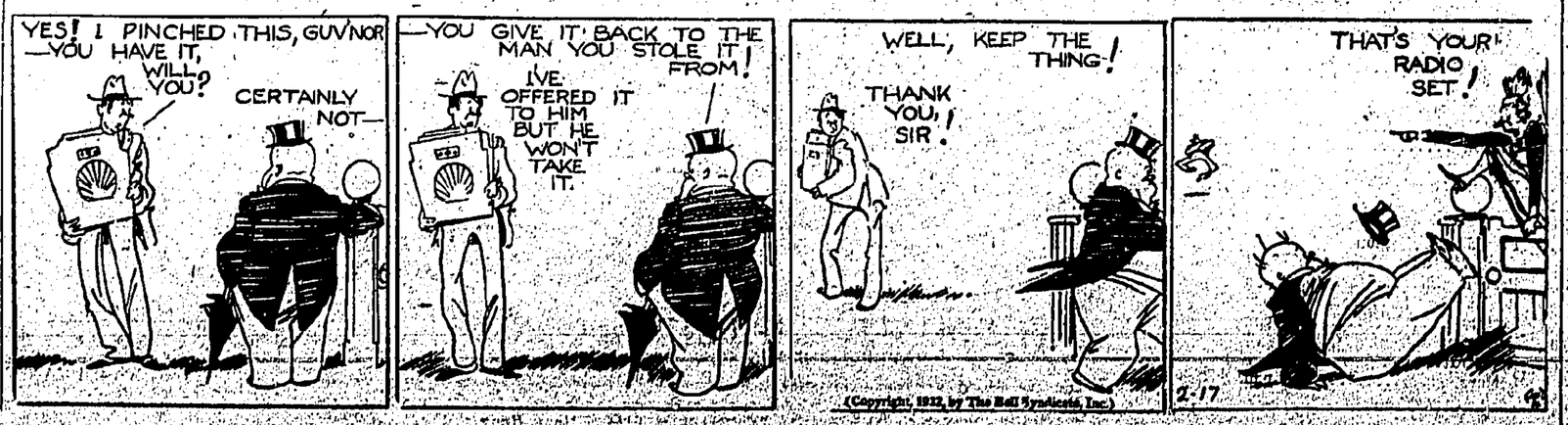

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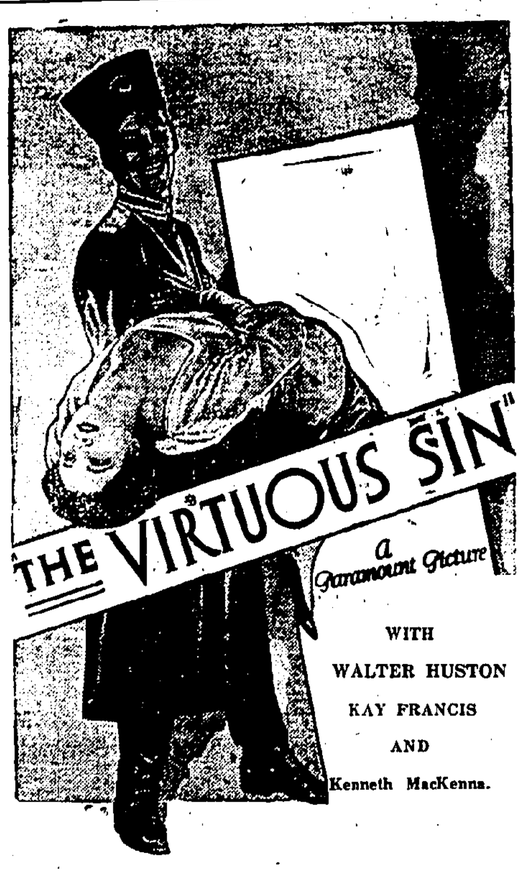

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INWARD MAILS.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16.
Shanghai and Swatow .....Sinkiang
THURSDAY, MARCH 17.
Australia and Manila .....Kamo Maru
FRIDAY, MARCH 18.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 27) .....Empress of Asia
Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers, London, Feb. 18) .....Hakone Maru
Calcutta and Straits .....Chak Sang
Japan, Shanghai & Europe via Siberia (London, Feb. 27) .....Katori Maru
SATURDAY, MARCH 19.
Japan and Shanghai .....Tatsuta Maru
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Feb. 19) .....President Adams
SUNDAY, MARCH 20.
Rangoon .....Warfield

OUTWARD MAILS.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16.		
Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Ming	4 p.m.
Straits	Hong Hwa	5 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	General Metzinger	
	Registration ...Mar. 16,	5 p.m.
	Letters 6	p.m.
THURSDAY, MARCH 17.		
Swatow	Foo Shing	8.30 a.m.
Hoihow and Pakhoi	Com. Henri Riviere	10.30 a.m.
Japan, Honolulu & *South American Ports	Rakuyo Maru	10.30 a.m.
Amoy	Tsinan	3.30 p.m.
Saigon	Seistan	3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Sui Sang	5 p.m.
*Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	Tai Ping	
	(Due Thursday Island, Mar. 29.)	
	Parcels .....Mar. 17,	5 p.m.
	Registration .Mar. 18,	9.45 a.m.
	Letters 10.30	a.m.
FRIDAY, MARCH 18.		
Hoihow	Menado Maru	8.30 a.m.
Japan	Kamo Maru	9.30 a.m.
Amoy	Tjinegara	10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Yang	1 p.m.
Haiphong	Canton	2.30 p.m.
Manila	Empress of Asia ...	3.30 p.m.
Japan	Hakone Maru	3.30 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and *Europe via Victoria, B.C.	President Jefferson	
	(Due Victoria, B.C., April 5.)	
	Parcels .....Mar. 18,	3 p.m.
	Registration 4.15	p.m.
	Letters 5	p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	President Jefferson	
	Registration ...Mar. 18,	5 p.m.
	Letters 5	p.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

CRACKER FIRING CASES.

Chinese Girls' School Fined.

A DANGEROUS PRACTICE.

Reference to the local Chinese celebrations of rumoured victories was again made by Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., D.S.P., in the Central Police Court this morning, when he appeared before Mr. Wynne-Jones to prosecute in three summonses taken out against the occupiers of the ground, first and top floors of 71 Wyndham Street for firing crackers without permits from the S.C.A.

The ground and first floors are occupied by the Tin Nam Yat Po, a Chinese daily, whilst a Chinese girls' school is housed on the top floor. Only the last named attended Court, being represented by the mistress in charge of the institution.

Prosecuting, Mr. Wodehouse said that it happened on March 4 last, on the second occasion of celebrating an imaginary victory. On the first occasion, on or about February 20, there was cracker firing, but the Police took no action, rightly or wrongly, considering that the Chinese should be allowed to "blow off steam." On the second occasion the crackering was not so general, and was, more or less, spasmodic. The place in question, was at the corner of Wyndham Street and Arbuthnot Road, where there was a lot of motor and pedestrian traffic.

Mr. Wodehouse explained, that for the convenience of his Worship, he had summoned them for firing crackers without a permit from the S.C.A., but they were actually firing to the danger of the public. He kept them under observation for twenty minutes, during which time, the street was just one blaze of crackers, which were also being thrown from the top floor, but the chief offenders were the printers on the first and ground floors. Four motor cars had to pass through this rain of crackers, and it was very dangerous.

His Worship pointed out to the school mistress that it was extremely dangerous, as there was the possibility of a cracker blinding a driver's eyes, with fatal results. He imposed a fine of $25.

In regard to the summonses against the Tin Nam Yat Po, Mr. Wodehouse said that their case was very much worse, and he was very anxious to get a conviction. He agreed to both summonses being reserved, for the defendants to appear on Monday.

ICE HOUSE STREET SENSATION.

In Ice House Street at tiffin time to-day, a European gentleman, whom we understand to be Mr. B. J. de H. Moore, of the A.P.C., was travelling in a rikisha along Queen's Road Central, when suddenly he threw a fit, and fell on to the road, close to the kerb of the pavement, receiving a nasty cut on the forehead. Passers-by rendered help, and the gentleman was removed to the hospital in an ambulance, which happened to be passing at the time.

MONEY LEFT.

Four Large Local Estates.

A. INNOCENT.

Arthur Innocent, who died intestate at Kelowna, British Columbia, on September 21, 1932, left estate in the Colony valued at $41,100.

Resealing of a certified copy of letters of administration has been granted by the Supreme Court to the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, solicitor, who is the attorney of Mr. E. M. Carruthers, Official Administrator, of Kolowna, B.C.

E. D. JACKSON.

Local estate valued at $18,900, with net personalty at Home sworn at £27,256.19.7, was left by Dr. Ernest David Jackson, formerly of 3, Peking Road, Shanghai, and late of 1, Queen Anne Street, Cavendish Square, London, who died on June 2, 1931, at the Empire Nursing Home, Vincent Square, Middlesex.

Resealing of a certified copy of probate of the will has been granted to Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, solicitor, who is attorney for the China executor, Mr. J. H. Teesdale of Shanghai. The will makes family bequests.

F. J. H. WALLER.

Frederick James Hugh Waller, a Major of the Royal Engineers, late of Lahore Cantonment, Punjab, India, who died intestate on September 7, 1931 at Skardu, Kashmir, British India, left estate in the Colony valued at $10,200 with net personalty at Home sworn at £10,079.0.9.

The deceased was a bachelor, and letters of administration of the local estate have been granted to Mr. D. J. Lewis, solicitor, attorney for the parents at Home.

A COMPRADORE'S WILL.

Ho War (or Wa) Tong, alias Ho Wing, alias Ho Kam-wing, alias Ho Chik Tak Hong, compradore, late of 14, York Road, Kowloon Tong, left estate in the Colony valued at $87,500. He was compradore of the General Milk Co., Inc. (formerly American Milk Products Corporation) of 6 Queen's Road Central, and died at the age of 69 years on or about July 7, 1931, at 7, Ki Hing Lane, Chung Pak Yeuk, Honam, Canton.

Probate of the will, with codicil annexed, has been granted to the executors named—Mr. H. K. Woo, solicitor; Chan Yat-pong, compradore, of 14, York Road, Kowlon Tong; Tse Shu-tong, merchant, of 50, Koshing Street; Wong Shi, alias Ho Wong Shi, widow, and Siu Shi, alias Ho Siu Shi, widow, both of 14, York Road, Kowloon Tong.

Testator, in a lengthy will, made family bequests and provisions for dowries for his granddaughters, and in addition directed that $1,500 be held in trust, the annual income of which is to be devoted to the War Tong Confucian Primary School "so that the poor boys may be exempted from payment of fees"; and that $1,000 be used for charitable purposes "as compassionate allowances to widows and orphans."

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

Some Enquiry Reported This Morning.

OFFERS LOWER.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states:

There was some inquiry this morning, but the offers submitted were on a lower basis than that of yesterday.—

Sales.
Union Insurance, $445.
Hong Kong Lands, $74.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 14½.
Telephones (P.P.), $22½.
Constructions (new), $1.85.

Buyers.
Providents (old), $4.80.
Providents (new), $2¼.
Hotels (old), $13.65.
Hotels (new), $13.30.
H.K. Realties, $9.70.
Chinese Estates, $95.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 14¼.
Hong Kong Trams, $20½.
Hong Kong Electrics, $73.
Canton Ices, $5.
Cements (Combined), $17¾.
Lane, Crawfords, $5.
Amusements, $20¼.
Constructions (old), 5¾.
Constructions (new), $1.80.
Govt. Loans, 4 per cent Premium.

Sellers.
Hong Kong Bank, $1,465.
Docks, $29.
South China Motors, "B", $12.
Yaumati Ferries, $89.
China Lights (old), $20½.
Malabon Sugars, $22.

INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT DEPOSIT CERTIFICATES.

Messrs. A. Goeke & Co. inform us that the Societe Internationale de Placements, Basle, cable that the official quotation in Basle for one sub-unit of the International Investment Deposit Certificates yesterday was £3 0s. 6d.

RETURNED BANISHES SENTENCED.

A Chinese, who was banished on Saturday for a term of ten years, and who returned on Monday, was sentenced to one year's hard labour on his appearance before Mr. Wynne-Jones this morning, in the Central Police Court. A similar sentence was meted out to another returned banishee, who stated that all his houses in Shanghai had been burned down, and he had come to Hong Kong to see his mother. "It is always the same old story, of coming back to see their mother to get some money," remarked Inspector E. A. Vincent.

AGAIN MISSING.

A Police message has been circularised to the effect that Warder E. C. Pearce, of the Hong Kong Prison Department, was again missing last night. It will be recalled that Mr. Pearce was reported as absent from the Government Civil Hospital on Saturday, but was found the next day in Canton, and brought back.

Mr. Pearce is a newcomer to the Prison Staff, having joined in October last year. He was admitted to hospital on February 15, and on March 10 was allowed to go out for a few hours by the medical officer.

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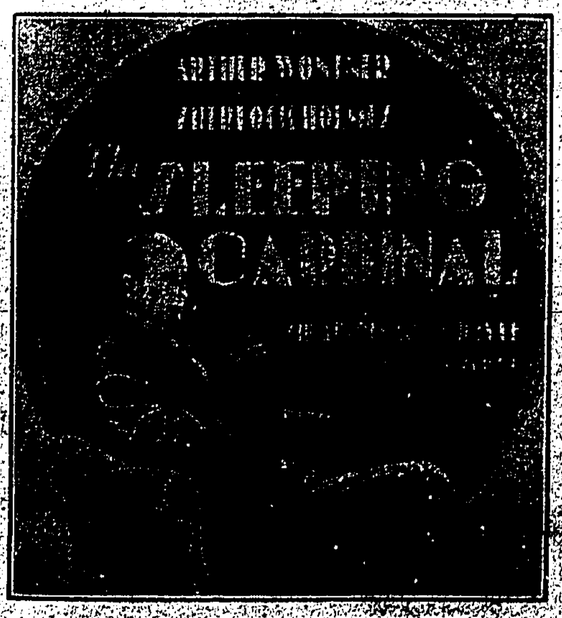

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